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AGRICULTURE

In the big and growing world of today Agriculture is the largest single industry. It offers dynamic and challenging

is opportunities for the future. To be sure, the cornerstone of this giant agricultural industry is production—farming and ranching. The farmer is the most important

link in the “Chain of Agriculture” that stretches across the **more** length and breadth of our great Nation.

American farmers play a vital part in providing food and fiber to a growing population. But just as these markets have expanded, so has the total field of

than Agriculture grown to include much more than farming alone. Servicing links those in Agribusiness, who provide agricultural supplies and technical services, to the farmer who uses them. This area also

farming covers the professional persons who communicate new technology

to the producer. Processing and distribution are the links that channel the products of the farm to the consumer. Involved here are transportation and marketing, including export trade. Students of Vocational Agriculture—who have received leadership training through the FFA and will continue their agricultural education—can look to a bright future in the business of Agriculture.

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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America, an organization of students enrolled in vocational agriculture, has taken its place with other groups interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Thirty-Eighth National Convention was held at the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, October 13-15, 1965. Final count showed over 11,800 FFA members registered from all State associations.

The convention proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which supplement or explain the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worth while.

WM. PAUL GRAY,
National Executive Secretary



1964-65 NATIONAL OFFICERS 1965-66

Seated left to right: Howard Williams, President, Olin, North Carolina; Joseph B. Detrixhe, Student Secretary, Ames, Kansas; Norman Gay, Vice President-Southern Region, Summer, Georgia; Larry E. Craig, Vice President-Pacific Region, Midvale, Idaho; William M. Kelly, Jr., Vice President-North Atlantic Region, Winchester, New Hampshire; James Stitzlein, Vice President-Central Region, Ashland, Ohio.

Standing left to right: A. W. Tenney, retiring National Advisor; Wm. Paul Gray, National Executive Secretary; Kenneth Kennedy, President, Cadiz, Kentucky; Evan Green, Student Secretary, Fort Morgan, Colorado; Robert Page, Vice President-Southern Region, Hoboken, Georgia; Ivan Hunt, Vice President-Pacific Region, Litchfield, Arizona; Joseph Perrigo, Vice President-North Atlantic Region, Weare, New Hampshire; Larry Prewitt, Vice President-Central Region, Thayer, Missouri; J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer; H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor.

Call For National Convention

TO MEMBERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

As your National FFA President, I am issuing a call for all State Associations to send delegates to the 38th National Convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-15, 1965.

This year your convention has been planned to serve as an especially inspirational and informative experience for all in attendance. A Vespers Program will provide a fitting introduction on Tuesday evening, October 12, and the convention will embrace a matinee performance of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show on Friday, October 15. Offering many highly respected personages and inspirational speakers, the convention sessions are planned to execute business, recognize outstanding achievements, demonstrate and promote leadership training, elect new officers for next year, set new goals, and to leave every Future Farmer and adult with a renewed dedication to the aims and purposes of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

All chartered State Associations in good standing with the national organization are expected to send two official delegates and two alternates from the active membership. It is urged that official delegates arrive in Kansas City in time for the 10:00 a.m. delegate registration, which will be followed by the Officer-Delegate Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12. Convention committees will be announced and will meet immediately following the luncheon. State Associations should also have in attendance at the convention those candidates recommended for the American Farmer Degree, candidates for national office, those members who are to receive awards and others who have official business at the convention.

Local chapters are encouraged to send representatives to the national convention. Any local chapter of the FFA is entitled to have a maximum of six, or 10% of the total membership, whichever is the greater, of carefully selected members to attend the convention, provided they come to Kansas City with properly completed official registration cards. This number does not include national or regional award winners, members on official status, such as band, judging team, Courtesy Corps, ushers, or special program participants. When you receive your brochure "You... And Your National FFA Convention" I encourage you to review it with your advisor. It will help you come to Kansas City better prepared to serve your State Association and your local chapter.

The 38th Annual National Convention will be the highlight of our FFA year. I urge all Future Farmers who attend the convention to be present for all sessions from Wednesday morning, October 13 through Friday evening, October 15. With the help and cooperation of all present our convention can be of great success. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

Sincerely yours,
KENNETH H. KENNEDY
National President

The Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of, by and for farm boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, which operate under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. It is an educational, non-political, non-profit, farm youth organization of voluntary membership designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Its members learn through participating experiences how to conduct and take part in public meetings, to speak in public, and to assume civic responsibility. The FFA is an intra-curricular part of vocational education in agriculture in the public school system of America. It constitutes one of the most effective devices for teaching through participating experiences.

The Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri, Thirty-three official delegates representing 18 States were present. Leslie Applegate of New Jersey was elected National President, C. H. Lane of Washington, D. C. became the first National Advisor, and Henry Groseclose of Virginia, the first National Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Ten members received the American Farmer Degree. Annual national membership dues were set at 10 cents per member per year and have since remained the same.

Sixty-four delegates from 33 States attended the second convention. Twenty-nine members received the American Farmer Degree and Carlton Patton of Arkansas was selected as the first Star Farmer of America. The selection of the organization's colors of national blue and corn gold, the first National Public Speaking Contest, the performance of the Ohio FFA Band, and the adoption of the Official FFA Creed highlighted the third convention. A year later W. A. Ross became the first National Executive Secretary. "Hail the FFA" became the official FFA song in 1931. J. A. Linke became National FFA Advisor in 1933.

About 6,000 members, advisors and friends registered for the 10th National Convention, held in the new Kansas City Municipal Auditorium. A pageant featured ten years of progress and growth by 100,000 members representing 4,000 chapters in 49 chartered State Associations. The National Constitution was revised for the third time to permit the nomination of American Farmers on a basis of one boy per 1,000 or major fraction thereof.

In 1939 the organization purchased 28½ acres of land which was part of George Washington's estate and established the National FFA Camp. Two years later, W. T. Spanton became the National Advisor of 245,830 members from 7,542 chapters. In 1944, the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was founded. The 1946 Victory Convention celebrated the end of World War II, and featured a memorial program honoring FFA members who served in the Armed Forces.

Highlights of the year 1947 were the organization of the National FFA Band, under the direction of Henry S. Brunner, estab-

lishment of the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the Official FFA Calendar. A year later, the National FFA Chorus was organized but was discontinued in 1959. In 1948 National FFA Week was established and the annual National FFA Officers' Good-Will Tour was started to visit Donors to the FFA Foundation, and to promote a better understanding between agriculture, business and industry, farm organizations and the public.

The Educational Exchange Program between FFA and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain was initiated in 1948 and continued until 1957. It has been reactivated this year. Rhode Island became the 50th State Association in 1950. A year later the National Congress passed Public Law 740, which granted the FFA a Federal Charter. The delegates at the 1952 convention adopted the Official Code of Ethics and gave final approval for the establishment of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. In 1953, a special postage stamp was issued by the U. S. Post Office Department to commemorate the founding of the FFA. A spectacular pageant at The Silver Anniversary Convention featured the many accomplishment of the FFA. The highlight of this convention was an address by Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.

A special resolution, adopted at the 1955 convention, pledged the FFA to help develop better understanding between nations. Since then, educational programs and assistance given to friendly nations has resulted in organizing Future Farmers in Japan, Philippine Islands, Thailand, Taiwan, Peru, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Mexico. Cooperative work with the Peace Corps began in 1963 with an FFA/NFA project in West Pakistan.

Former President Harry S. Truman addressed the 1957 convention. In 1959, a four-day National Citizenship and Patriotism Conference for State officers was held in Washington, D. C. Many outstanding Government leaders, including President Eisenhower spoke to the group. The dedication of the new FFA headquarters building on the land formerly used as a National FFA Camp was a fitting climax to the conference.

FFA Day at the American Royal as a part of the national convention began in 1960. A year later a special convention program honored W. T. Spanton upon his retirement as National Advisor.

A. W. Tenney, who served as National Executive Secretary from 1943 to 1957, became National Advisor in 1961.

This year over 52,000 former NFA members raises the total FFA membership to approximately 454,000 members in 10,000 chapters. These boys continue to prepare for service and leadership in agriculture.

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Alabama	Harrell Day Route 1, Five Points	Don Driver Route 3, Box 71, Gordo
Arizona	John Gemmill Route 2, Box 697, Peoria	Richard Morrison P. O. Box 464, Gilbert
Arkansas	Jimmy McCoy Box 537, Star City	John Milner Pine Bluff
California	Phil Gish 3724 Carver Road, Modesto	William Naylor 38918 Road 64, Dinuba
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Delaware	Clifford Hudson Frederica RD 1	Charles Stites RD 3, Box 136, Dover
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Illinois	Gary L. Organ Route 4, McLeansboro	Eddie McMillan Box 42, Bushwell
Indiana	George Fox Michigantown	Bob Martin Bourbon
Iowa	Bill Plagman Aurelia	LeRoy F. Perkins Corydon
Kansas	Roger Barr Route 3, Manhattan	Donald Barkman Route 2, Burden
Kentucky	John Colliver Route 2, Cave City	Rankin Carter Route 4, Paris
Louisiana	Kenneth Bordelon P. O. Box 70, Hessmer	Danny Cutrer Route 2, Kentwood
Maine	John F. Griffith East Limestone Road	Arlo F. McPherson RFD #1
Maryland	Fort Fairfield Carl Robinette	Mars Hill Charles E. Free
Massachusetts	Flintstone Ronald Wright	Route 2, Box 359, Thurmont
Michigan	493 Leyden Road, Leyden Michael Schwab	David Grinkis Maple Street, Sterling
Minnesota	938 Stevenson Rd, Standish Errol Olson	Richard D. Byrum Route 1, Onondaga
Mississippi	Route 2, Eagle Bend Bennie Clyde Rogers, Jr.	Jim Riess Route 1, Pine Island
Missouri	Morton David W. Hockensmith	Stanley Herren Route 2, Utica
Montana	Pickering Leroy Gabel	Jimmy D. Welsh Glenwood
Nebraska	Worden Lawrence Kuhlmann	Clayton Emond Malta
Nevada	Route 1, North Platte Brant Bishop	Kenneth Nagel Route 3, Lincoln
New Hampshire.....	P. O. Box 322, Overton Brian Towne	John Sustacha Lamoille
New Jersey.....	River Road, New Boston Richard Hartung	Thomas W. Moore Box 75, Acworth
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	R.D. #1, Watertown	Patrick P. Comings R.D. #1, Bainbridge

North Carolina.....	Sidney Sauls Route 3, Benson	Cyrus Vernon Blanch
North Dakota.....	Mauritz Carlson Sheyenne	Alois Fettig Tappen
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Oregon	Lee Klampe Route 1, Box 259, Brooks	Larry Turner Malin
Pennsylvania	Kenneth M. Martin Route 1, Denver	Dennis Grumbine R. D. 2, Myerstown
Puerto Rico.....	Julio M. Maldonado Arecibo High School	Jose A. Perez-Casanova Reinaldo Castro Maricao-Bucarabones FFA Chapter, Coyey, Puerto Rico
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South Carolina.....	Robert Rish Route 1, Pelion	Johnny Boyd Loris
South Dakota.....	Keith Goodwin Ashton	Laddie Schuh Route 1, Avon
Tennessee	Eddie Zimmerman Winchester	Frank C. Frye Route 1, Antioch
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Washington	Jim Peterson Edwall	Dave Fitzsimmons Pomeroy
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Wisconsin	Scott Traynor Route #1, Milton Jct.	Donald Pfister Route #1, New Holstein
Wyoming	Kent Rutledge Box 190, Meriden Route Cheyenne	Dan Wambeke Deaver

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ALABAMA	Howard Logan	NORTH CAROLINA
John Martin	Willie J. Green	Clarence Newsome
Tommy Mims	Gene A. Watson	Joseph Vaughn
George Bryant	Linwood Gantt, Jr.	Lanz Holliman
Gregory Graves	R. E. Ousley	John Lewis
ARKANSAS	Eddie White	SOUTH CAROLINA
Charles Beard	Willie Washington	James Harrison
Robert Beard	Robert Washington	David McCullough
James Lockett	Forster Evans	Willie Thurman
Floyd Gentry	LOUISIANA	Willie Brown
FLORIDA	Booker T. Walters	TEXAS
Isom Rivers	Bobby Roy Cunningham	Lawrence Wallace, Jr.
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Edward Long	Andrew Watson	L. Charles Winters
Arnett Murray	James Sanifer	John Brooks
		Carol Jackson

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BAND MEMBERS

(Listed Alphabetically by States)

ALABAMA

John Edward Hassett
George Israel
David Ray Usry
Ralph LaDon Wright
ARKANSAS
Howard Steven Ritchie
Wayne Ruthven

CALIFORNIA

Raymond L. Bailey
Danny Ray Dodds
Edwin Grant Jackson
Edward Roina, Jr.

DELAWARE

Stephen S. Davis

FLORIDA

Robert Lewis Hudson
David Ryan
Bruce F. Zander

GEORGIA

Maurice B. Palmer

Gordon L. Wilson

IDAHO

Carlin Bartschi

Russell Wardle

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Leslie E. Kimmel
Lee Lemke
Daniel Maack
David F. Marten
Dennis J. Moon
Ronnie Niehaus
George Ringler

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David Larsh

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Collin Jensen
Curtis Johnson
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Harlan Lemke
Keith Ort
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Theron Smith
John Stittsworth
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Dale Carter
Dennis Fisher
Bill Korinek
Warren R. Park
Stan Penner
David Peterson
Jim Schraeder
John Wohlgemuth

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LOUISIANA
Ronald Wayne Bodin
Audron W. Bourgeois

MAINE

Terry A. Boyd
MASSACHUSETTS

Donald Pelley

MICHIGAN

Peter M. Clark
Richard Curtis
David Esch
Larry Trask

Tim Weldon

MINNESOTA

Michael F. Barrett

Lee Kjesbo

MISSOURI

Jack Gebhardt
James Perry Gingrich
Dwayne Wesley Harrison
Rex L. Moore

MONTANA

Roger Baker
Daniel M. Graber

Gary Taylor

Brian K. Wood

NEBRASKA

Donald W. Bloss
Joseph William Fryman
Gary Hosick
Larry Kopsa
Jay Schluckebier

John R. Semrad

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gary Ball

NEW MEXICO

Jimmy Leger

Hi Tillery

NEW YORK

Wilton Howard Bear, Jr.

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NORTH DAKOTA

Christy Hartman

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Schumacker

Tom Teigen

OHIO

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John S. King

George Knauss, Jr.

Jerry Mowery

Darrell Myers

OKLAHOMA

Mike Christensen
Reuben Hugh DeLozier

OREGON

Dwight H. Griswold
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James Richard King
Chris Konzelman

Gilbert Wood

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Ned Wallace, IV

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David Russell Booze

John Brekke

TENNESSEE

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Minutes of the Convention

Wednesday, October 13, 1965

Morning Session

The thirty-eighth national convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at nine o'clock. National President, Kenneth Kennedy, of Cadiz, Kentucky, presiding.

The invocation was pronounced by Nels Ackerson, National President, 1963-64.

The Posting of the Colors was performed. Arthur Lloyd Shearin, of Tennessee, sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the National FFA Band.

Vice President Prewitt presented an address on "This is My Country." It was moved by Gish of California, that Vice President Prewitt be commended for his outstanding job as a national officer; motion seconded by Alexander of Texas and carried.

The Report on Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Green reported 100 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call of States and seating of delegates followed.

Since the minutes of the 37th national convention had been distributed to all of the delegates, it was moved by Glenn of New



A. D. Pinson, retiring NFA President, presents his NFA jacket to FFA President, Kenneth Kennedy to be placed in the FFA Archives. President Kennedy then presented an FFA jacket to Pinson.

Mexico to dispense with the reading of the minutes; motion seconded by Olson of Minnesota and carried.

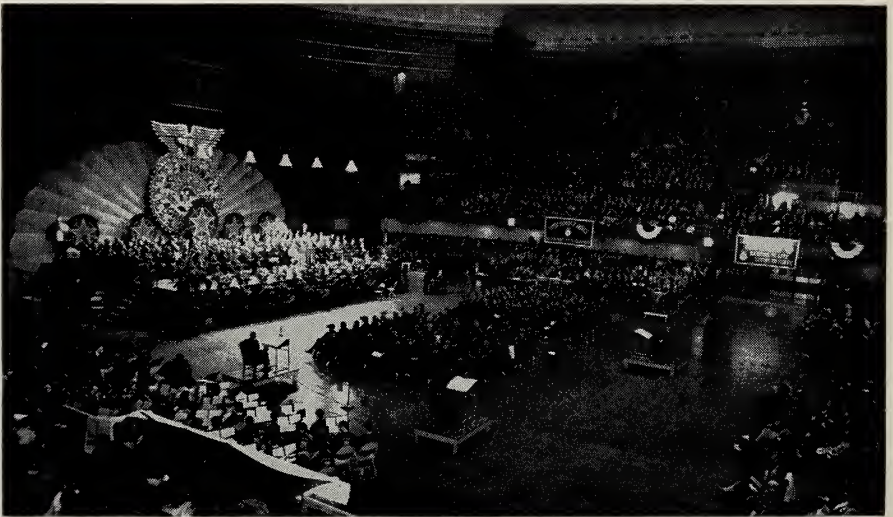
President Kennedy announced the appointment of the constitutional committees.

The Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, then gave the address of welcome.

A ceremony to symbolize the joining of the NFA and FFA was conducted by the last National NFA Officers and the current National FFA Officers.

Following music by the National Chorus, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey addressed the convention by long distance telephone.

The Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas, addressed the convention, after which he was presented with a special citation on behalf of the FFA.



The National Convention brings together many FFA Activities which were begun on the local level. It is a time when regional and national awards are presented to members for outstanding achievement in farming and leadership. Inspirational speakers, pageantry, leadership demonstrations, and entertainment features round out the program to provide inspiration for FFA members in their work in vocational agriculture.

H. N. Hunsicker, Head of the Agricultural Education Service, U. S. Office of Education, presented the names of the following persons who were considered and recommended by the National FFA Boards of Student Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Honorary American Farmers

- Neal Andrew, State Director, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Concord, New Hampshire
- J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia
- G. Donavon Coil, Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board of Vocational Education and Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois
- Cleo A. Collins, Southeast District Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, State Board for Vocational Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- H. C. Colvett, Coordinator of Vocational Education, State Department of Education, Jackson, Tennessee
- G. W. Conoly, Resident Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, Florida
- Ralph W. Edwards, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, Boise, Idaho
- C. C. Eustace, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Board for Vocational Education, Topeka, Kansas
- B. E. Gingery, Consultant, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Canton Hall, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
- Robert L. Hayward, Assistant Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Jefferson City, Missouri
- W. T. Johnson, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, A. & T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina
- J. A. McKinney, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Salem, Missouri
- L. W. Moore, President, American Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois
- E. M. Norris, Head Teacher Trainer, Department of Agricultural Education, Prairie View A. & M. College, Prairie View, Texas
- J. O. Sanders, Associate Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Education Department, Albany, New York
- Henry W. Staiger, Area Supervisor, Agriculture Education, Potter County Public Schools, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
- Sam Stenzel, President, NVATA, Russell, Kansas
- Durward B. Kennedy, Cadiz, Kentucky
- Clarence Green, Fort Morgan, Colorado
- Lyhl Perrigo, Weare, New Hampshire
- Albert F. Prewitt, Thayer, Missouri
- H. Ralph Hunt, Litchfield, Arizona
- Floyd S. Dubben, Middlefield, New York
- Clayton Hobbs, Walnut Grove, Illinois
- Arlo W. James, Pond Creek, Oklahoma
- Emmett Jobe, Queen Creek, Arizona
- Robert B. O'Berry, Bartow High School, Bartow, Florida
- Gustavus Lamar Blackwell, Oconee County High School, Watkinsville, Georgia
- James H. Brazier, Jr., Toombs Central High School, Lyons, Georgia
- Carl Hylton, Hagerstown-Jefferson Consolidated School, Hagerstown, Indiana
- Everett L. McCauley, Connersville High School, Connersville, Indiana
- E. H. Haynes, Natchitoches High School, Natchitoches, Louisiana
- Clarence P. Whitaker, Aroostook Central Institute, Mars Hill, Maine
- Norwin Braun, Chesaning High School, Chesaning, Michigan
- Odell T. Barduson, St. James Public School, St. James, Minnesota
- Glenn D. Edin, Owatonna Public School, Owatonna, Minnesota
- Oliver Orrin Manning, Midway High School, Dunn, North Carolina
- John T. Leyden, Scituate Junior-Senior High School, Scituate, Rhode Island
- Kenneth O'Dell Couch, Fairforest High and Dorman High, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- Ernest Christensen, Webster High School, Webster, South Dakota
- N. H. Baulch, Gallatin Senior High School, Gallatin, Tennessee
- Roy Crabtree, Polk County High School, Benton, Tennessee
- Billy L. Conner, Sulphur Springs High School, Sulphur Springs, Texas
- F. Wayne Volkman, Bellville High School, Bellville, Texas
- R. W. Simmans, Jr., Azle Senior High School, Azle, Texas

Elmer A. Graff, Hurricane High School, Hurricane, Utah
Henry M. Davis, James Wood High School, Winchester, Virginia
F. H. Jackson, Elkton High School, Elkton, Virginia
B. F. McConnell, Terra Alta High School, Terra Alta, West Virginia
Floyd J. Doering, Wittenberg, High School, Wittenberg, Wisconsin
James Ness, Tomah High School, Tomah, Wisconsin

It was moved by Bamford of Colorado, seconded by McCoy of Arkansas and carried that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be conferred upon the individuals whose names were read.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Martin of Pennsylvania moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Riess of Minnesota and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-forty o'clock.

Wednesday, October 13, 1965

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Kennedy. Vice President Prewitt assumed the chair.

Student Secretary Green presented an address on "The Rising Sun." It was moved by Gemmill of Arizona that Student Secretary Green be commended for his efforts throughout the year; motion seconded by Hunter of West Virginia and carried.

Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a report on the Future Farmers Supply Service. Fitzsimmons of Washington moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Herren of Mississippi and carried.

Martin of Pennsylvania presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Stroh of Colorado and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the Magazine. Miller of Connecticut moved its acceptance; motion seconded by McCoy of Arkansas and carried.

Graber of Texas presented the report of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Schuh of South Dakota and carried.

Howard Carter, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on the Official FFA Calendar. Gibbs of New Jersey moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Zinn of West Virginia and carried.

Kuhlmann of Nebraska presented the report of the Official FFA Calendar Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Barkman of Kansas and carried.

Vice President Perrigo presented an address on "The Golden

Opportunity." Moore of New Hampshire moved that Vice President Perrigo be commended for his outstanding year as a national officer and for his very inspiring address; motion seconded by Martin of Pennsylvania and carried.

President Kennedy resumed the chair.

Following music by the National FFA Band, the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon a number of individuals by the national officers. President Kennedy introduced Sam Stenzel, President of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association Inc., who gave a brief greeting.

Service plaques were presented to C. C. Eustace, Neal Andrew, Ralph Edwards and H. C. Colvett, who had served on either the National FFA Board of Directors or the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

J. K. Stern, President of the American Institute of Cooperation, was introduced and addressed the convention. Since Mr. Stern had previously received the Honorary American Farmer Degree, he was presented with a tie clasp bearing the miniature American Farmer Key.

Peterson of Washington, moved that the following candidates receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Perkins of Iowa and carried; the ceremony followed.

Alabama

David Glenn Ball, Route 1, Section
Rupert Rex Bond, Route 2, New-
ville
Bert Driskell, Route 1, Box 115,
Grand Bay
Austin M. Dulaney, Jr., P. O. Box
27, Eastaboga
Mickey Fowler, Route 2, Ardmore,
Tenn.
Jimmy Green, Roba
Larry Lowe, Route 2, Centre
Sidney Carroll McCall, Route 1, Box
221, Union Springs
Flynn Morris, Jr., Route 1, Geneva
Ronnie Rainey, Route 1, Brundidge
Barry D. Siniard, Route 1, Ander-
son
Leonard Smart, Box 121, Silverhill
Clayton Spencer, Route 1, Lester
Glenward Spivey, Route 1, Clio
James Stephenson, Route 1, Daw-
son
Harry Truman Strickland, Moores
Bridge
Sammy King Walker, Route 1,
Toney

Arizona

Emmett S. Jobe, Jr., Route 1, Box
53, Queen Creek
Thomas Wayne Stephens, Route 2,
Box 375, Casa Grande

Arkansas

David Barrett, Route #3, Jonesboro
William Howard Bell, Sparkman
Larry Berry, Box 55, Higginson
Don Darrell Elmore, Route 1, Mans-
field
John G. Foster, Route 2, Boone-
ville
Gerald Don Freeman, Cleveland
Jimmy Frank Harris, Route 3,
Vilonia
Austin Wayne Hendricks, Route 4,
Box 201, Conway
Reese M. Hutcheson, Route 2, Box
90, Sparkman
Larry Johnson, Leachville
Mike Metcalf, Route 1, Barber
Forrest Lynn Moudy, Box 31, Dan-
ville
Gary Charles Sanderson, Route 1,
Barber
Van Younes, Harrison

California

Billy Anthony Betschart, Route 1,
Box 2327, Manteca
Thuman D. Brown, Jr., 16106 Aug-
ust Avenue, Delhi
James Patrick Collins, P. O. Box
407, Walnut Grove
George E. Davy, P. O. Box 25,
Loleta
Don R. Durling, 4860 San Jacinto
West, Fallbrook

Edwin Genasci, Route 5, 1843 Hart Road, Modesto
 Ronald Lee Hathaway, P. O. Box 781, Burney
 David H. Jackson, 16342 South Indianola, Kingsburg
 Michael Emile LaSalle, 12581 Fargo Avenue, Hanford
 Marvin Machado, 20180 Rd. 36, Tulare
 Jerold O'Banion, P. O. Box 127, Dos Palos
 Michael Antrim Short, Santa Margarita
 Henry E. Struckman, Route 2, Box 2512, Auburn

Colorado

Ernest Duane Gill, McClave
 Jerry Dean Nicholson, Route 1, Box 74, Merino
 Eldon Keith Weiss, Star Route Brush

Connecticut

Wesley Harold Hair, RFD #1, North Windham

Florida

John Burton Allen, Jr., Route 1, Box 355-A, Lithia
 Jerry Michael Blair, RFD 3, Box 97, Jasper
 Reuben Wayne Carlton, Route 3, Box 162, Fort Pierce
 H. Fred Dietrich, III, Route 4, Box 124, Orlando
 Ellis Elmo Douglas, Route 1, Box 200, High Springs
 James Emmett Giles, Route 1, Box 740, Auburndale
 Thomas Hoyt Northcut, 1568 N. W. 103rd Street, Miami
 Jacob Fred Redmon, Route 2, Box 164, Quincy
 Bill Wells, 1514 Edgewater Beach Drive, Lakeland
 James B. Wells, Route 2, Box 133, Jay

Georgia

Earl Herman Cheek, Jr., Box 114, Perry
 Daniel Delvin Fender, Lakeland
 Norman Floyd Gay, Route 1, Sumner
 Joel Douglas Halstead, Route 1, Cairo
 John Wayne Harrell, Route 3, Bainbridge
 Donald Wayne Hester, Route 6, Tifton
 Oran Eugene Hunt, Jr., R.F.D. #3, Thomson

Monroe Cleveland Parks, Route 4, Ellijay
 William Henry Peters, Route 1, Hahira
 B. Hall Redfearn, Jr., Route #3, Pavo
 Carroll Lee Rush, Route 1, Kathleen
 Vernon E. Sanders, Jr., Forsyth
 Charles Bryant Skipper, Route 3, Macon
 Andy Talton, Jr., Route 1, Kathleen
 Grady Thompson, Jr., Route #2, Tifton
 William Kenneth Whitehead, Route 1, Comer
 H. B. Wiley, Jr., Route 1, East-anolle

Idaho

Larry E. Craig, Midvale
 Don L. Daniels, Route #2, Weiser
 C. Robert Owen, Route #3, Preston

Illinois

Ronald Arthur Aves, Route 2, Box 29, Belvidere
 Dale E. Biggs, R. R. #3, Dixon
 Leroy Raymond Brase, R. R. #2, Edwardsville
 Glenn W. Bryant, R. R. #4, Murphysboro
 Dale C. Carlson, R. R. #1, Galesburg
 Dale D. Endress, Edelstein
 Charles A. Hartke, Teutopolis
 Marvin "Bud" Hobbs, Walnut Grove
 Robert Korves, R. R. #2, Waterloo
 Lyle Lynden Levertton, Jr., London Mills
 Edward D. Mowry, Route 1, Sycamore
 Lowell Wayne Pitts, R. R. #7, Olney
 Robert L. Potts, Williamsfield
 David Marvin Stock, R. R. #1, Troy
 Gerald Arthur Wire, R. R. #1, Winslow
 John Raymond Wolff, R. R. #2, Box 4, Gillespie

Indiana

Pat H. Buell, 506 East 9th Street, Clay City
 Robert Clifton Coon, R. R. 1, Wingate
 Donald D. Dilling, Route 1, Remington
 Joseph Hodson, R. R. #3, Rushville
 Jimmie Everett Kesterson, R. R. #6, Frankfort
 George W. Krom, III, R. R. #2, Rochester

Stanley R. Nichols, R. R. #3, Connersville
 Max D. Reinhard, R. R. #1, Berne
 Earl Lavon Roberts, R. R. #3, Box 226, Syracuse
 Ace Royal, R. R. #2, Bloomfield

Iowa

Evan Lyle Faris, Mount Ayr
 Russell L. Flitsch, Alburnett
 James H. Koch, R. R. #1, West Union
 James L. Leach, R. R. #1, Atlantic
 Kenneth D. Meyer, Rockwell
 Ronald James Oliver, R. R. #1, Eldridge
 Douglas Dean Rutter, RFD 3, Spencer
 John K. Wasson, R. R. #1, Dexter
 Delbert L. Westphalen, Route 3, Atlantic
 Robert C. Zylstra, Sibley

Kansas

Dennis L. Dechert, R. R. #3, Colby
 Joseph B. Detrixhe, Route #2, Ames
 David Steven Krispense, Route #4, Marion
 Gerald L. Machin, Route #3, Russell
 Kenneth E. Riffe, Route #1, Stockton
 Cecil Victor Stade, Route #1, Pretty Prairie
 William E. Sutton, Route #4, Lawrence

Kentucky

Leon Belt, Hampton
 Joe Depp Bunch, Route 2, Edmontonton
 Joe Arch Chapman, Woodburn
 James E. Claycomb, Stephensport
 W. Gayle Faust, Sioux Trail, Georgetown
 William Robert Flood, R. R. #2, Cadiz
 Maurice Heard, Route 1, Rockfield
 Wilbur Alexander Hensley, Route 3, Box 194, Henderson
 Paul Davis Mahuron, Route 5, Shelbyville
 Don Turner McFelia, Route 1, Horse Cave
 Charles L. Miller, Route 1, Nicholasville
 Gary Wayne Rapp, Route 1, Box 243, Butler
 Gordon Keith Sheron, Route 2, Lancaster
 David Burks Williams, Route #2, Shepherdsville

Louisiana

Gary Bond, Route 3, Box 112, Franklinton
 James Hartwell Fair, Jr., Saline
 John Darwin Fontenot, Route 1, Box 179, Ville Platte
 James E. Hoppe, Route 1, Box 148, Iowa
 Anthony Joseph Judice, Route 1, Box 192, New Iberia
 David P. Kelone, RFD Route 2, Box 302, Marksville
 D. J. Landry, P. O. Box 875, Vinton
 Jude Collins Laverne, Route 3, Box 149, Opelousas
 Spencer Jones Owens, Route 1, Box 216, Haughton
 Eddie Wayne Price, Route 2, Pollock

Maine

Arlo F. McPherson, RFD 1, Mars Hill

Maryland

Charles E. Free, Jr., Route 2, Box 359, Thurmont

Massachusetts

George Edward Reeve, Fullum Hill Road, North Brookfield

Michigan

James Bigelow, Route 3, Alma
 George Phillip Bush, 7322 W. Bristol Road, Swartz Creek
 William D. Byrum, Onondaga
 Michael Dietz, Webberville
 Nelson R. Francisco, Route 1, Ceresco
 Arnold Cleston Heiss, 608 Goebel Road, Ravenna
 Ronald W. Helmreich, RFD #1, Freeland
 Alfred G. Nestle, RFD #3, Alma
 Malcolm J. Reinhardt, Gregory
 Karl Alan Schmidt, Route #2, Springport
 James Oliver Van Dyne, II, Route 1, Ovid

Minnesota

James D. Baird, Winsted
 David C. Cech, Route 1, Glenville
 Gary A. Dybdahl, Clinton
 Gary K. Gullekson, Beltrami
 Roger D. Hardy, Sacred Heart
 Lloyd R. Kispert, Nerstrand
 Harlan Edwin Kolsrud, Hills
 William C. Kriesel, R. R. #3, Owatonna
 Floyd D. Marti, R. R. #1, Sleepy Eye

Darrel F. Mogensen, R. R. #1, St. James
 Ross Edward Rehder, R. R. #2, Moorhead
 John P. Ryan, R. R. #1, Springfield
 Eugene Sonnenberg, Dent
 Dale R. Stiller, RFD, Zumbrota

Mississippi

Scott Doler, Route 2, Calhoun City
 John L. Keenan, Rose Hill
 James Dinton Phillips, Jr., Route 3, Utica
 James Richard Williams, Route 1, Box 159, Clinton
 Gary Theo Windham, RFD, Duck Hill

Missouri

Kent Blades, Route #1, Paris
 Gilbert Bock, Jr., Uniontown
 Eddie Claycomb, Princeton
 James F. Clemens, Stet
 Weldon C. Eggimann, Route #1, Advance
 Keith Gilbert Jestes, Maysville
 David Earl Miller, Route #1, Oronogo
 Mark Lewis Miller, Rich Hill
 Jerry R. Nickle, Route #1, Cassville
 Abe Rohrbach, California
 Jerry Mac Stenson, Route #2, Richland
 Leonard Wayne Whitehead, Route #2, Conway

Montana

Daniel Leighty, Route 4, Kalispell
 Sam Leighty, Route 4, Kalispell

Nebraska

Gene LeRoy Glanzer, Holbrook
 Larry Dale Hudkins, Route #1, Raymond
 Dewey Lee Knuth, Oxford
 Douglas R. Kuhn, Platte Center
 Daniel V. Peterson, Holdrege
 M. Wayne Rasmussen, Route 1, Plainview

Nevada

Robin Van Norman, Tuscarora

New Hampshire

William M. Kelly, Jr., Winchester

New Jersey

Samuel Havens, RD 1, Sussex

New Mexico

Jerry Byron Black, 111 East Yucca Drive, Clovis
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New York

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 Floyd S. Dubben, Jr., Middlefield
 Alfred Gibbs, Box 21, Johnson
 Kenton B. Heslink, RD #1, North Clymer
 Donald B. Johnson, RD #1, New Berlin
 Bruce H. Merle, RD #2, Attica
 Frederick W. Westfall, RD #3, Cazenovia

North Carolina

James Dennis Adams Route 2, Benson
 Woody Ray Adams, Route 1, Box 52, Godwin
 Billy Parker Baggett, Route 2, Roseboro
 Waylon B. Brewer, Route 1, Dunn
 Stephen Douglas Corriher, Route 1, Box 142, China Grove
 Jerry Gill Davis, Route 1, Waxhaw
 James Loner Deaver, Route 2, Canton
 Joe Thomas Dowd, Box 38, White Oak
 David Leighton Draughon, Route 1, Box 232, Fayetteville
 Ralph H. Hamilton, Box 724, Clinton
 Edward Bryant Harris, Route 1, Box 50, Pantego
 Donald Elwood Hawley, Route 1, Godwin
 Earl Jennings Huffman, Jr., Route 1, Box 296, Richlands
 Allen W. Jackson, RFD 3, Mooresville
 Gary Stephen Lowder, Route 2, Box 41, New London
 Jack G. McCracken, Jr., Route 3, Waynesville
 Daniel Phillip Motsinger, Route 1, Stoneville
 Elymus D. Payne, Route 5, Marshall
 Charles Herbert Ritchie, Route 3, China Grove
 Mickey Simmons, Route 2, Box 88, Newport
 Donald Ray Whittington, Route 3, Dunn
 Howard Lee Williams, Route 1, Olin
 Edward Ray Wright, Route 2, Autryville

North Dakota

Terry Borstad, Fort Totten
Robert Erlendson, Hensel
Benhart A. Varnson, Route 1, Box
13, Mapes

Ohio

William F. Billing, Route #1,
Botkins
Harry Edwin Bouton, R.F.D. 2,
Mount Vernon
D. Merrill Bowers, Route #3, Lan-
caster
Keith Jay Chrisman, Route 1,
Arcanum
Samuel James Foos, Route #3,
Marysville
John Robert Gaib, Route #2, Canal
Winchester
Donald Mann Griffith, Route #3,
Kenton
Roger D. Otermat, Route #2, Fre-
mont
John Dwight Sargent, Route #1,
Bradford
Robert L. Skiles, Route #1, Lewis-
burg
Gary Skinner, Route #2, Delaware
Gary Wayne Smith, Route #1,
Edon
James Stitzlein, Route #4, Ash-
land

Oklahoma

Donald Wayne Blagg, Box 71,
Thomas
Larry Boelte, Route 2, Lone Wolf
Mervin Deason, Route 1, Fort Cobb
Donald Diel, Burlington
Ronnie Dobbins, Box 787, Thomas
Sherrell David Griffith, Route 1,
Newcastle
Ladd Hudgins, Route 2, Box 2,
Clinton
R. Keith James, Pond Creek
LeRoy Monroe Johnson, Route #2,
Afton
Hugh Lynn McCullough, Route 1,
Devol
Allen Ray McKee, Fairview
Sterling Charles Meier, Hitchcock
Doug Parham, R. R. #1, Omega
Larry E. Powers, Route 8, Alva
Thomas E. Stanford, Route #2,
McLoud
Rexford Lee Tautfest, Marland
Charles R. White, Route 1, Wagon-
er

Oregon

Jeff D. Carl, Route 1, Hubbard
Jack H. Hasebe, Route 1, Box 316,
Ontario

J. P. Reckmann, Box 56, Kent
Gordon Douglas Reid, Box 66,
Rufus

Pennsylvania

H. Melvin Breneman, Route 1,
Strasburg
John Walter Eby, Jr., Route 1,
Gordonville
John William Dashem, Jr., Route 1,
Centre Hall
E. Eugene Gantz, Route 1, Box
201, Millersburg
Carl B. Hartman, Route 2, Myers-
town
Gene H. Hershey, Route 1, Ship-
pensburg
John C. Hoffman, Route 2, Green-
castle
Charles William Lundy, Route 2,
Wysox
Edward M. Mazur, Route 1, Box
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James Edward Rider, Warriors
Mark

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Maricao
Buenaventura Figueroa Irizarry,
Buzon 979 - Bo. Mulas, Patillas
Ramiro Corraliza Viruet, RFD 8,
Buzon 2 - Caonillas, Utuado

South Carolina

Marvin Dale Hodges, Route 1, Loris
Wilbur Gene Holmes, Jr., Route 2,
Johnston
Charles Belton Hunter, Route 3,
Woodruff
William Jerry Mitchell, Woodruff
James Thomas Mullikin, Route 1,
Pendleton
Lloyd Richardson, Route 1, Gres-
ham

South Dakota

Steve Michael Bury, Bristol
Dennis H. Reiprich, R. R. 4, Web-
ster
Darrell Vik, R. R. 1, Colman

Tennessee

Edward Allen Brown, Route 1,
Culleoka
John Brown, Route 1, Fall Branch
Gary Copeland, Route 1, Martin
Bob J. Delaney, Route 1, Greenback
Don R. Edwards, Speedwell
Raymond Fussell, Erin

James Waco Inman, Route 3, Trenton
 James Archie McCarter, Route 9, Sevierville
 Kenneth Purser, Route 1, Dayton
 H. B. Roberts, Jr., Route 2, New Market
 Wade Shultz, Route 2, Athens
 Charles E. Simpson, Jr., Route 1, New Market
 Harold Loyd Sims, Route 2, Rutherford
 Joe K. Thomas, III, Route 3, Box 527, Bristol
 Albert Jackson Thompson, Route 1, Culleoka
 Larry Vick, Route 1, Camden
 Glenn Otha Whaley, Sevierville

Texas

Nick A. Achille, Route 2, Box 735A, Alvin
 Jimmy R. Alexander, Star Route, Era
 Roger Lee Armstrong, Nemo
 Carroll Blank, P. O. Box 412, Cuero
 Ernest Boemer, Star Route 2, Box 56, Beeville
 Calvin Brints, Route 2, Crosbyton
 John Earl Bullard, Route 2, Box 188, Winnsboro
 Larry Douglas Cogswell, Box 143, Joaquin
 Alfred Findeisen, Jr., Route 2, Coupland
 Charles A. Flach, Route 1, Box 61, Comfort
 Calvin Fuller, Box 374, Corrigan
 Larry Wynne Garner, Box 806, Tatum
 Jim Gupton, 162 South Columbia Drive, West Columbia
 Clyde M. Holekamp, Route 1, Box 104, Comfort
 David Huneycutt, Route 1, Collinsville
 Darrell Hunter, 215 Hollywood Drive, Coleman
 David L. Hurst, Route 1, Beeville
 James Warren Irwin, Jr., Box 896, Tatum
 Elroy E. Jonas, Fischer
 Jerry Wayne Jones, Route 2, Box 117, Hart
 Michael C. King, 1222 South Fredonia, Nacogdoches
 Darrell Wayne Kinnard, Route 1, Granbury
 Johnny Kubacak, Route 1, Box 163A, Slaton
 Charles Malcolm Lamascus, Jr., Route 1, Box 211, Schulenburg
 Valton E. Maeker, Route 2, Wilson

Ralph C. Meyer, Box 711, Pleasanton
 Allen Rothlisberger, Route 1, Box 154, Beeville
 John C. Saunders, Route 1, Box 34A, Wellington
 Paul Ray Schuman, Pottsville
 Randy D. Simmans, 128 Hankins Drive, Azle
 Don Sline, Route 6, Terrell
 Ralph A. Stevener, Route 2, Box 204, Bryan
 Melvin Layman Tabor, Route 2, Quanah
 Alvin Tenberg, Route 3, Box 55, Shiner
 Albert Tiller, Box 45, Elysian Fields
 Freddie Tucker, Route 1, Meadow
 James G. Verner, Box 201, Meadow
 Raymond Frank Vybiral, Route 1, Abbott
 John Louis Ward, Route 1, Box 259, Cleveland
 John Wesley Ward, Jr., Box 153, Devine
 George Weems, Rockdale

Utah

Kenneth L. Davis, Corinne
 George Price Holmes, R.F.D., Heber City
 Grant Lund Richards, Route 1, Box 100, American Fork

Vermont

Burt Julius Allen, New Haven

Virginia

John D. Blaha, Presque Isle Farm, Route 2, Chester
 Michael I. Jones, Route 6, Chatham
 Lowell L. Koontz, Route 1, Box 98, Elkton
 Winifred Dale Nash, Route 1, Appomattox
 John Lee Orrock, Woodford
 Robert D. Robertson, Rural Retreat
 William H. Rogers, Jr., Blairs
 Frederick Sale Smith, Route 1, Box 381, Radford
 Frank Reid Yates, Blairs

Washington

George E. Barton, Dayton
 Robert G. Dodge, Route 2, Box 147, Ellensburg
 Ervin Kilian, Route 2, Sunnyside
 John William Marker, Star Route, Orondo
 Dennis Henry Mickelsen, Route 1, Box 142, Winlock
 Erland Peterson, 24859 128th Place, S.E., Kent

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David Allen Childs, Route 3, Box 72, Terra Alta
 Charles W. Furrow, Box 237, Shady Spring
 Charles A. Riley, Route 2, Glen Easton
 Charles E. Sisler, Route 2, Box 91, Terra Alta
 Dwight Douglas Sypolt, Route 1, Reedsville

Wisconsin

Phillip Baird, Route 1, Hartland
 David A. Frei, Route 1, Markesan
 Ronald M. Jernander, Route 1, Box 91, Rockland
 Robert Gene Lentz, Route 1, Dallas
 Michael A. Lium, Westby
 Ernest J. Merwin, RFD, Lake Geneva

Donald Alvin Mullen, Route 3, Bloomer
 Randall Lewis Ray, Route 2, Box 27, Eau Claire
 Gordon Charles Schmidt, Route 2, Wonevot
 Paul Robert Sprecher, RFD #1, Sauk City
 David Allen Urness, Route #2, Mondovi
 Earl Voigt, 107 Warren Street, Beaver Dam
 Roger K. Weidemann, Route 1, Columbus
 Douglas F. Weinke, Rockland
 Gerald M. Weiss, Cottage Grove

Wyoming

Douglas "Duke" Marquiss, Box 1640, Gillette
 Jerry D. McWilliams, Box 72, Hillsdale

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four forty o'clock.

**NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING JUDGES**

Left to Right: Orion Samuelson, President, National Association of Farm Broadcasters and Farm Service Director, WGN, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Samuel M. Graves, President, National Association of Secondary School Principals and Principal, Wellesley Senior High School, Wellesley, Massachusetts; and William Lundell, Director of Public Relations, Minneapolis-Moline Company, Hopkins, Minnesota.

Wednesday, October 13, 1965**Evening Session**

A concert by the National FFA Band was held at 7:15 o'clock.

The third session of the convention was called to order by President Kennedy with the opening ceremony at eight o'clock.

An explanation of the National FFA Public Speaking Contest was made by Student Secretary Green. Contestants then drew for speaking order and the contest followed.

While the judges of the Public Speaking Contest conferred, the presentation of Gold Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers to sixty chapters.

The results of the National Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards presented by Student Secretary Green.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten o'clock.

The movie "The Challenge...Leadership—The Answer...The Future Farmers of America" was then shown.

Thursday, October 14, 1965**Morning Session**

The fourth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Kennedy. Vice President Perrigo assumed the chair.

Vice President Page presented an address on "Create to Serve." It was moved by Olson of Minnesota that Vice President Page be commended for his work as a national officer; motion seconded by Sauls of North Carolina and carried.

The presentation of the FFA Foundation Farm Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

A symposium consisting of representatives of the Future Homemakers of America, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, and the Future Farmers of America was held.

Louise Roy, Youth Director of The National Foundation, made brief remarks, after which she presented the national organization a citation from The National Foundation.

President Kennedy resumed the chair. The Distinguished Service Plaque was presented to the following individuals:

John T. Apsey, Jr., Assistant to the Executive Vice President, Black and Decker Manufacturing Company, Towson, Maryland
Barney Arnold, Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky
Thomas R. Benton, Manager, Agricultural Department, The Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri
A. R. Bowlzer, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager, New Idea, Division Avco Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio

- E. Gene Brown, Rural Youth Program Specialist, National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois
- Harry L. Bryson, Executive Vice President, Agricultural Hall of Fame and National Center, Bonner Springs, Kansas
- William Burk, Manager, Public Relations Department, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System, Railway Exchange, Chicago, Illinois
- Frank A. Corbet, President, d-Con Company, Inc., New York, New York
- Graham T. Coulter, Publications Manager, Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois
- Jack Crowner, WAVE and WAVE-TV, Louisville, Kentucky
- Dean Curtiss, Farm Service Director, Radio Station KDHL, Faribault, Minnesota
- Jack Dillard, Station KWKH, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Bowman Doss, President, Nationwide Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio
- D. E. Fricker, Director - Public Relations, J. I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin
- James T. Griffin, President, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois
- Dick Hanson, Editor, Successful Farming, Meredith Publishing Company, Des Moines, Iowa
- H. H. Hardy, Manager, Field Services, Public Relations Department, American Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois
- Helen Henley, The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts
- A. K. Hepperly, Agricultural Agent, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, Denver, Colorado
- Douglas Hewitt, Executive Secretary, Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, Chicago, Illinois
- Wheeler O. Holmes, Manager, Product Publicity, Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware
- Chet Huntley, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., New York, New York
- W. A. Johnston, President, Illinois Central Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois
- Amos Kahrs, Head, Poultry Department, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
- Mark V. Keeler, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois
- Arthur Kelly, Executive Vice President, The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio
- H. K. Luttringer, Advertising and Public Relations Manager, New Holland Machine Company, New Holland, Pennsylvania
- Penrose B. Metcalfe, San Angelo, Texas
- Carl R. Miller, Director of Youth Activity Programs, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio
- R. C. Morton, Manager, Educational Department, Public Relations, Ralston Purina Company, Checkerboard Square, St. Louis, Missouri
- O. W. Randolph, Manager, Personnel and Public Relations, Moorman Manufacturing Company, Quincy, Illinois
- Wayne O. Reed, Associate Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
- Marjorie H. Rhoads, Secretary-Treasurer, Farm Club of New York, New York, New York
- Orion Samuelson, Farm Service Director, WGN, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
- Gary D. Smith, Assistant Manager, Business-Government Division, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Murray M. Sommer, Executive Vice President, Mid-States Steel and Wire Company, Crawfordsville, Indiana
- John A. Stearns, Producer, AGRICULTURE—U.S.A., Pacific Palisades, California
- Paul Swaffar, Secretary, American Hereford Association, Kansas City, Missouri
- A. C. Swanson, President, Western Auto Supply Company, Kansas City, Missouri
- Robert E. Taylor, Director, Agricultural Relations, Republic Steel Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio

John D. Turrel, Executive Manager, Farm Electrification Council, Oakbrook, Illinois
 O. O. Waggener, Director, Department of Industry and Agriculture, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois
 John D. Waugh, Director of Advertising, Nitrogen Division, Allied Chemical Corporation, New York, New York
 G. E. Webster, Station WFIL, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 S. W. White, Jr., President, Oliver Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
 James A. Wickizer, Vice President, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Detroit, Michigan
 Frank G. Wollney, Programs Director, Institute of American Poultry Industries, Chicago, Illinois
 Arthur M. York, Director of Public Relations, United States Rubber Company, Rockefeller Center, New York, New York
 Homer Young, President and Chief Executive Officer, Consumers Cooperative Association, Kansas City, Missouri
 Clarice Kennedy, Cadiz, Kentucky
 Ella May Green, Fort Morgan, Colorado
 Megge S. Page, Hoboken, Georgia
 Nellie Perrigo, Weare, New Hampshire
 Dorothy Prewitt, Thayer, Missouri
 Georgia May Hunt, Litchfield, Arizona

Wayne O. Reed, Associate Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education, addressed the convention. He was then presented with the Distinguished Service Plaque by President Kennedy.

The presentation of the Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapter Awards was made by the national officers.

Orion Samuelson, Farm Service Director, of WGN, Inc., Chicago, and current President of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters, gave brief greetings.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven-twenty o'clock.

Thursday, October 14, 1965

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony by President Kennedy. Vice President Hunt assumed the chair.

Student Secretary Green presented the "Report of Activities of the Retiring Officers." Stroh of Colorado moved to accept this report; motion seconded by Fuller of Idaho and carried.

Executive Secretary Gray gave the National FFA Annual Report. Vandemark of Ohio moved its acceptance; and that Mr. Gray and his staff be commended for their dedicated service; motion seconded by Sauls of North Carolina and carried.

Rutledge of Wyoming presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Metto of Virginia and carried.

Rish of South Carolina presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Miller of Connecticut and carried.

Byrum of Michigan presented the report of the Program of Work Committee (local guide) and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Klampe of Oregon and carried.

Tatro of Vermont presented the report of the National Program of Work Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Gibbs of New Jersey and carried.

Riviere of Florida presented the report of the Official FFA Manual Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by LeRoy of Iowa and carried.

Colliver of Kentucky presented the report of the Leadership Training Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Comings of New York and carried.

Grumbine of Pennsylvania presented the report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Frye of Tennessee and carried.

Byrd of Florida presented the report of the National Convention Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Alexander of Texas and carried.

President Kennedy resumed the chair.

Wambeke of Wyoming presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Sustacha of Nevada and carried.

Morrision of Arizona presented the report of the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Moore of West Virginia and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four fifteen o'clock.



The FFA Talent Show included participants from many chapters.

Thursday, October 14, 1965**Evening Session**

(At seven o'clock the FFA Talent Show was held)

The sixth session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at eight o'clock by President Kennedy.

Donors to the FFA Foundation, Inc. were called to the platform and introduced. Special plaques were then presented to twelve fifteen-year donors to the Foundation.

L. W. Moore, President of the American Oil Company, and 1965 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and presented a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. After a brief address the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. Byron J. Nichols, Vice President of the Chrysler Corporation and General Manager, Dodge Division, was introduced and gave a brief address. Mr. Nichols will serve as 1966 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The 1965 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced and the movie "The 1965 Star Farmers" was shown.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The Honorary American Farmer degree was conferred upon the fathers of the Star Farmers and special certificates presented to their mothers and wives. After the introduction of the Star Farmer judges, the 1965 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten o'clock.

The FFA Talent Show was then continued.

Friday, October 15, 1965**Morning Session**

The seventh session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Kennedy. Vice President Page assumed the chair.

Harry Bryson, Executive Vice President of the Agricultural Hall of Fame, made a brief address, after which he was presented with the Distinguished Service Plaque.

E. J. Johnson, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education, announced the national judging winners in livestock, meats, poultry and dairy. Vice President Page then presented Mr. Johnson with a service plaque and a special citation for his service and devotion to vocational agriculture.

Vice President Hunt presented an address on "Your Flag... My Flag." Morrison of Arizona moved to commend Vice President Hunt for his outstanding work as a national officer; motion seconded by Gibbs of New York and carried.

Special citations were presented to Lions International, Ruritan National, Rotary International, Kiwanis International, The National Foundation, National Safety Council, American Vocational Association, National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, for their continued interest and cooperation in the support of vocational agriculture students.



Representatives from other countries were presented honorary membership in the FFA.

A leadership demonstration was presented by the Colorado Association.

The Honorable Fred R. Harris, United States Senator from Oklahoma, addressed the convention. Vice President Page then presented him with a special leadership citation in recognition of his distinguished service in agriculture, leadership and citizenship.

R. Merlin Tucker, immediate past president of Kiwanis International, presented the FFA with a gold medallion to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Kiwanis International.

Foreign guests in attendance were introduced. An interview was held by Lennie Gamage, Advertising Manager of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, with Michael Daniell, National

Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain; Arlen Etling, Kansas FFA Association and David S. Geiman, Jr., Virginia FFA Association, the participants in the international youth exchange.

Nels Ackerson, 1963-64 National FFA President, made a report on the FFA exchange program with the Future Farmers of Mexico. Representatives of the FFM were introduced and Monico Rios, Sub-Director General of Agricultural Education in Mexico, gave brief greetings.

Advisor A. W. Tenney gave a report on his trip to Pakistan to visit with Peace Corps volunteers, and interviewed a returned volunteer.

Honorary membership was conferred upon Michael Daniell of Great Britain, Jose Luisidanez and Guillermo Valencia of the FFM.

President Kennedy resumed the chair.

Student Secretary Green read the following proposed change in Article VI, Section A, *Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree* of the National FFA Constitution:

"The State Association may submit annually the application of one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for the first 500 or less active members; a second candidate for active membership of 501 to 1,000; and for each additional 1,000 members, or major fraction thereof, may submit one additional candidate."

Rish of South Carolina moved that this amendment be accepted; motion seconded by Hockensmith of Missouri and carried.

Olson of Minnesota moved that the National FFA Dues be set at 50 cents per year, effective July 1, 1966 which would also include a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; motion seconded by Byrd of Georgia and carried.

Wambeke of Wyoming moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by McMillan of Illinois and carried.

Bamford of Colorado moved that the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors be given authority to take action on any unfinished business or business in interim between conventions; motion seconded by Spencer of Georgia and carried.

Gish of California presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Lucas of Oklahoma and carried. There being no further nominations for national office from the floor, it was moved by Gemmill of Arizona that the slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation from the delegate body; motion seconded by Peterson of Washington and carried. The newly elected national officers were then introduced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at twelve noon.

(During the afternoon all FFA representatives were guests of the American Royal Live Stock Association at a special show at the American Royal Arena.)

Friday, October 15, 1965

Evening Session

(At 6:30 p.m. the FFA Talent Show was held)

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven-fifteen o'clock by President Kennedy. Vice President Prewitt assumed the chair.

Brink of New York gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Byrd of Florida and carried.

President Kennedy presented an address on "I Believe." Colliver of Kentucky moved that President Kennedy be commended for his work as a national officer; motion seconded by Olson of Minnesota and carried.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers, special certificates presented their wives, and the Distinguished Service Plaque awarded their mothers. Local advisors of the officers were introduced and Advisor Tenney then presented the officers with their special service plaques.

The newly elected officers including the new advisor, H. N. Hunsicker, were installed by the regular ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Howard Williams the newly elected president presented Kenneth Kennedy with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at nine o'clock with the closing ceremony by the new officers.

Following the closing ceremony special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.



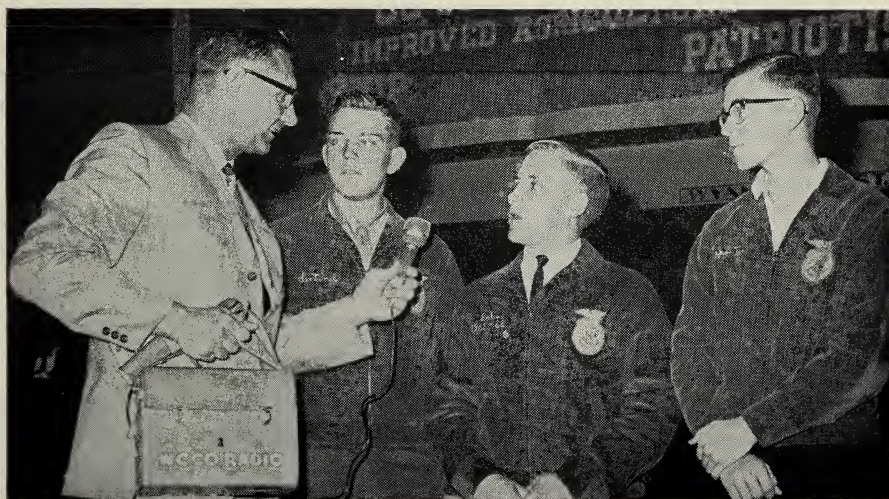
President Kennedy thanking Raymond Firestone who introduced the 1965 Firestone Show.



Official Delegates became acquainted with outstanding leaders in business, industry and organizations at the FFA Foundation Donor Reception.

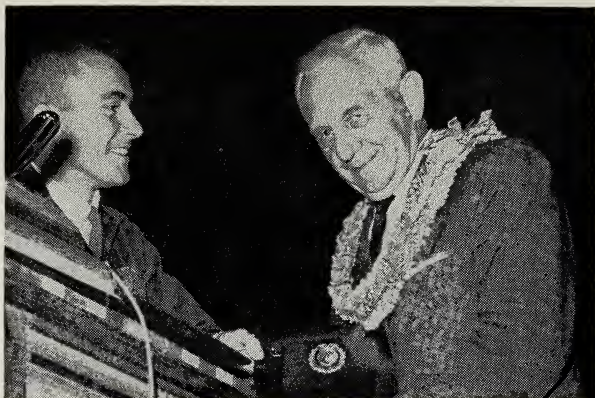


The Queen of the American Royal brought greetings to the Convention.



Radio, television, and press coverage play a vital role in informing the public about FFA activities and convention highlights.

Quotations from Convention Addresses



U. S. SENATOR FRANK CARLSON

The FFA stretches the breadth and length of our land as a part of our vocational agriculture program in our schools. Brilliant in its conception, it gives practical application to those lessons taught in schools. Leadership—scholarship and vocational agriculture are made meaningful through the FFA. . .

Within this generation we have witnessed the most far-reaching economic-political and social revolution in human history. Today we do not merely sit at the ringside of world events - we are in the arena. . .

We ask why is the welfare of other people a matter of concern to us? It is a matter of concern to us because a hungry world is a world of turbulence, fraught with danger - it is a world of instability and unrest and breeds wars. Our nation has never had a greater opportunity to demonstrate its Christian principles. St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him". . .

As you conclude this 38th annual meeting you are confronted with challenges, but the opportunities for service are much greater than the challenges.

ADOLPHUS PINSON
National President, NFA

In this merging the New Farmers of America with the FFA we are pleased to bring into the folds of the Future Farmers more than 52,000 students of vocational agriculture who believe in the dignity of farm work and that we shall prosper in proportion as we put knowledge and skill into agricultural occupations. We further believe that the life of service is the life that counts; that

happiness endures to mankind when it comes from having helped lift the burdens of others, and that the practice of cooperation in agriculture is essential.

MAYOR ILUS W. DAVIS

There are other nations with farm lands as rich. There are other nations with metal in their mines. There are other nations with fish in the oceans alongside their borders. But the talents, the brains, and the spirit of the people of this country have made it great. On our backs today rests the responsibility of the leadership of the entire world.

Kansas City is proud of the Future Farmers of America. We are proud to have you in our midst. Your presence here is a credit to this city. It is a credit to the United States. We welcome you individually, we welcome you collectively. We hope you get a chance to come back again soon.

U. S. CONGRESSMAN FRED R. HARRIS

The Future Farmers of America Creed begins: "I believe in the future of farming." And, as a former member for whom that Creed continues to have great meaning, I could extend it further to say: "I believe in the future of the Future Farmers of America"...



What a waste it is, how tragic it is, to leave the vast open spaces of clean air and verdant countryside in the heartland of rural America to a mere three and one-half million people, while the rest of our people, the great majority, are squeezed in by the concrete and steel and smothered by the smoke and smog of most of our large cities...

And, if on this day, we renew our living dedication to the ideals this great organization espouses, this world will be a better place because you and I have helped to make it so.



SAM STENZEL

National President, NVATA

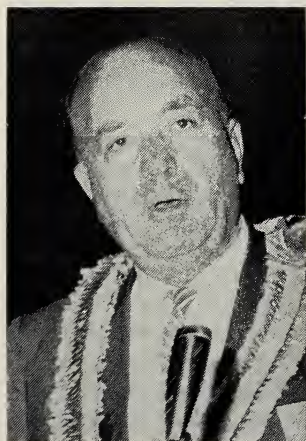
I speak with confidence when I say the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association is the one national organization which need not ask the objectives and the purposes of your fine organization. Our approximate 10,000 members are the advisors to the FFA chapters and associations. We know that the primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is to develop competent, aggressive agricultural leadership, citizenship, and cooperation.

J. K. STERN

President, American Institute Cooperation

The future holds many challenges, but most certain is the fact that a hungry world needs food. Abundant food supplies are the greatest weapons we have in the struggle for peace. . .

When you combine the best qualities of youth with the traditional qualities of good farmers, it seems to me you have a winning combination. . .



To you *American Farmers*, of whom we will expect a great deal in the years to come, I beg you to aim high and discipline yourself. Whether you go on to a University to continue your formal education, whether you enroll in one of the informal education and training courses now available nearer home, or whether you learn only in the school of experience, you must never stop learning. Life itself is an educational experience; success is a journey, not a destination.

Surely it is important to make a living, but it is even more important to live a useful life. The three things we crave most in life - happiness, freedom, and peace of mind, are always attained by giving them to someone else.

WAYNE O. REED

Associate Commissioner, U.S.O.E.



How fortunate you are to have good examples to follow. In the lives of those who in other years were also members of this organization—the alumni of FFA—you have models who can inspire you to be in your purpose. Of these alumni, FFA can indeed be proud. These are the men who have played leading roles in applying technological principles to agricultural processes.

It is precisely because you have been so fortunate that we will expect so much of you in the future. But even here you are fortunate—for the future presents us now with some of the most exciting challenges mankind has ever known.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Left to Right: Kenneth Kennedy, President, FFA; Mary Louise Driscoll, President FHA; Al Connor, Vice President, DECA; Tommy Snider, President, VICA.

The over-all goal of the Future Homemakers of America is to help individuals improve personal, family and community living now and in the future.

VICA stands for Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America and is a national organization for youth enrolled full time in trade and industrial education classes. VICA is also related very closely to our labor and industry of today.

DECA stands for the Distributive Education Clubs of America which is an educational youth organization with a program of youth activities directly related to distributive education or the teaching of marketing, management and distribution.

L. W. MOORE

President, American Oil Company

You in FFA are charged with taking the lead. You can count on our continued enthusiastic support. This I promise you.

For the past year, I have been chairman of the Foundation's Sponsoring Committee. Essentially, our job has been to raise money—to interest business firms, organizations, and individuals in contributing to the work of the Foundation.



That work, of course, is providing funds for the awards program. In making possible these awards to FFA chapters and to outstanding individual FFA members, we believe we have found the best way to offer the extra incentive young people need to learn and to develop leadership.

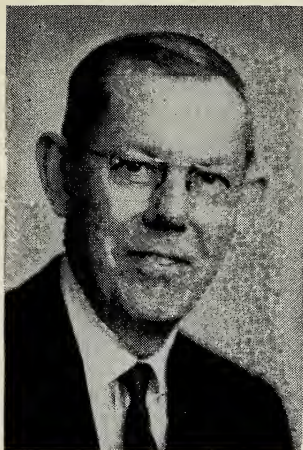
Efficient production of food is not only essential to the welfare of our country, but also to the world at large. It seems to me that the Future Farmers of America are playing a vital part in encouraging your interest and the development of leadership to help us achieve this end.

Adults Recognized

NEW FFA ADVISOR

H. N. HUNSICKER

H. Neville Hunsicker, newly appointed Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, U. S. Office of Education, was elected National Advisor, Future Farmers of America, at the 1965 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. Mr.



Hunsicker is the first National Advisor who is a former high school student of vocational agriculture and FFA member. He holds degrees from VPI and the Ohio State University. He also completed graduate courses at West Virginia University.

The new National Advisor taught vocational agriculture from 1931 to 35 at Wayne, West Virginia, and served as assistant State FFA Executive Secretary in West Virginia for 11 years. In 1946 he became the Head State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and served in this capacity until 1952 when he joined the staff of the U. S. Office of Education as Program Specialist for Agricultural Education in the North Atlantic Region.

A. W. TENNEY

A. W. Tenney, National Advisor of the Future Farmers of America from November, 1961 to November, 1965, was recognized for his outstanding service and leadership in promoting activities of the FFA and vocational agriculture. He has been named Director of Organizational Relations for the entire Division of Vocational and Technical Education. In that capacity, he will maintain liaison for the Division with many organizations and groups and will continue a close relationship with the FFA.



A native of West Virginia, Dr. Tenney worked several years in Florida as a teacher of vocational agriculture and as professor of agricultural education in the University. He also completed work for his M.A. Degree at the University of Ohio, and for a D.Ed. Degree at New York University. He became National Executive Secretary of the FFA in

1943, serving in that capacity until 1957 when he was given full-time responsibility as program planning specialist in agricultural education for the 13 States comprising the Central Region.

Taking leave of absence from the Office of Education in 1959, Dr. Tenney served one year as the first Executive Director of the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Bonner Springs, Kansas. He then returned to Washington as Program Analyst for the Division of Vocational Education, a position held until his appointment in 1961.

ELMER J. JOHNSON

Members of the Future Farmers of America honored Elmer J. Johnson at the National Dairy Cattle Judging at Waterloo, Iowa and at the National Convention for his outstanding work in all phases of vocational agriculture and FFA. Not only has he continuously helped the Future Farmers of America but he also has traveled extensively in Peru, Japan and the Philippines promoting and assisting with programs in vocational agriculture.



After World War II, Mr. Johnson was appointed to head a committee to reactivate national FFA judging contests and to develop rules and regulations that would make the contest more educational in nature. Mr. Johnson is chairman of the national study committee on FFA contests and has worked to bring about improvements in the program. He has served as general superintendent of national FFA judging contests since they were reactivated in 1947.

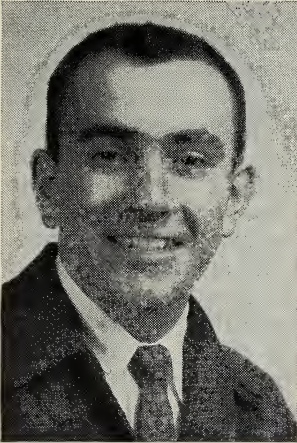
He is a native of Kansas, and after serving in the army during the first World War, he studied at both Kansas State University and Colorado State University. He taught vocational agriculture in Colorado for 12 years, then went to the State office as assistant supervisor and later became State supervisor.

In 1941 Mr. Johnson was called to Washington where he served as Program Specialist in agricultural education for the Pacific Region. He has been a member of the National FFA Board of Directors since that time and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since the FFA Foundation was organized. Mr. Johnson will retire in December, 1965.

National Student Officer Addresses

I Believe

Fellows, as I begin this address I realize that it is the last one I will ever make as an active member of the FFA. However, I have learned that in giving any speech there are three basic essentials required. First, a speaker must have the mind with which to put the thoughts together in a logical manner. Secondly, he must have the physical organs — the mouth to speak the words. Thirdly and most importantly, he must have a heart — a heart of convictions on the subject about which he is speaking. I can truly say that my heart is in the remarks I shall make about the FFA and you; for during my years of active membership, my life has become as arithmetic. I have had joys added, doubts subtracted, friends multiplied, and a love for FFA that is undivided.



KENNETH KENNEDY

My mind flashes back through these seven years to the time I joined the FFA. As a freshman, I was perhaps the most bashful boy in my class, but, I decided through the encouragement of my vocational agriculture teacher to enter the Creed Contest which was open only to freshmen. It was merely a recitation of the FFA Creed, but this contest proved to be the “spark” that changed my entire future.

Each of the five paragraphs of the Creed begins with the statement “I believe”. That statement is personal, positive, and very basic in its meaning. I applied this phrase to *myself* in participating in each FFA contest or running for each office.

In confronting any challenge, *we must believe* — believe in ourselves, our purpose, and our God.

I shall not take time to relate to you the many precious FFA memories that have been mine this year or the other six years. I shall instead relate to you what I think is one of the most important keys to your life's success. Your success, however, will depend upon whether you make this a personal application.

I truly believe that you can be whatever you so decide — only *you* can put a “ceiling” on how *far you* can climb by crying “impossible”. You not only *can* decide your life's journey but you *will* decide it.

But belief alone will not do the job. Hard work is also essential. The Bible says that “Faith without works is dead”. We

cannot accomplish anything unless we are willing to pay the price for it in terms of sacrifice, time, and effort.

I challenge you to be your very best as you map out life's journey, for our biggest challenge lies within our own selves — to develop our potential to the fullest. From the words of a favorite song are these words: "A bell is not a bell until it is rung, a song is not a song until it is sung," and to paraphrase it, you are not a true FFA member until you have developed your entire potential in preparing to live to serve your purpose.

I have a belief that you will be the kind of men that will "let your light so shine". Serving as your National President, I gained this confidence by working with you. This enabled me to develop a feeling for the FFA that I now find difficult to put into words — a feeling that shall never depart from me, even should I become President of the United States.

Last May, I boarded a jet enroute home after having visited with Ivan Hunt in Arizona. The jet had been delayed for four hours due to mechanical difficulty, but we finally zoomed into the sky. It seemed that the aircraft was still having difficulty because it continued to circle around Phoenix for several minutes with one wing lowered. Naturally, I became frightened and began wondering. . . "What if the jet does not reach its destination? What if it crashes?" I consoled myself with this thought: "I had rather go wearing this FFA Jacket than any other way!" Well, I did arrive home safely and have been able to continue serving my purpose.

Yes, this jacket which I shall soon shed means much to me. It represents that Creed Contest of my freshman year and it symbolizes a personal belief in you, a belief in the FFA, a belief in our purpose, a belief in our God, and more.

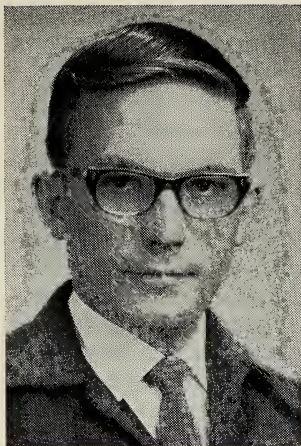
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt once said that "Nothing is of value unless it is in preparation for tomorrow". I believe that the FFA has prepared you and me well for the future. Now, I look back over the past seven years, concluding my FFA days. And then, I look to the future with the words of Robert Frost:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have
promises to keep, and miles to go"

May God bless you!

The Rising Sun

A year ago I received the greatest honor of my life when I was elected to serve you as your National Student Secretary. This year has been filled with great challenge, hard work, and tremendous opportunity; there have been disappointments and moments of discouragement. But, the many Future Farmers I have met



EVAN J. GREEN

this past year have made my term in office more rewarding than I ever dreamed possible. To all of you Future Farmers, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to our organization.

In the early beginning God said, "Let there be light". Consequently the rising sun has given man courage and hope and the promise of a more rewarding day. Without the welcome, warming rays of the sun, life could not exist.

We Future Farmers could not pick a more appropriate symbol for our emblem than the rising sun. Placed at the president's station, the rising sun represents the capable leadership which enables the FFA to grow and meet the need of an expanding, progressive agriculture.

The rising sun means many things to the Future Farmers of America. To me, it represents the sunshine of agricultural prosperity we enjoy in the United States. The cooperative efforts of business, industry, education, and agriculture have created for Americans the highest standard of living in the world. In our country, obesity is a greater problem than malnutrition, and dieting is considered fashionable instead of being an enforced necessity. In the midst of this abundance, we sometimes forget that fully half the world still lives in the darkness of hunger, ignorance, and despair. In the underdeveloped countries of the world, populations are expanding faster than food production, and starvation may prove to be a greater threat to the (nations) peoples of the world than nuclear destruction. When we observe that the majority of the farmers of the world are using production methods which have remained unchanged for generations, we become aware of the tremendous challenge facing the farmers of tomorrow.

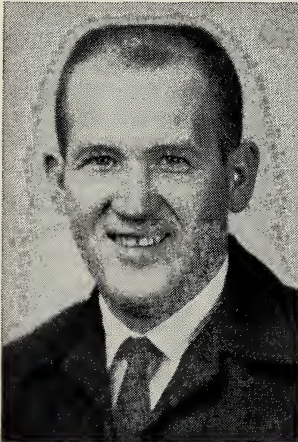
This tremendous challenge falls squarely upon our shoulders, for we will inherit the problem of providing food and fiber for the multiplying masses of the world. For the tools to meet this challenge we turn to the Future Farmers of America, and here we find another meaning for the rising sun. The rising sun of opportunity in the FFA. You know, as I look back over the years I have been an FFA member, I am grateful for the opportunities which were extended to me. My only regret is that I did not take advantage of all them. I was never even a Star Chapter Farmer, I was never a member of a state livestock judging team. The only Foundation award I received on the state level was in public speaking. To those of you who are Green Hands and Chapter Farmers, I envy you, for you can look forward to four or five more years of participation in the activities of the Future Farmers of America. Yours is truly a rising sun of opportunity in the FFA.

As for you fellows who are nearing the end of your membership in the FFA, there may still be time to apply for that Foundation award or the American Farmer Degree.

Perhaps you face the greatest opportunity of all, for you will soon be entering the complex and ever changing world of agriculture. When you are home on the farm, and on your way to the field or to the barn and see the sun coming up in the east, you know that there is a full day of hard work ahead for you. You may pause for a moment to be thankful that God has seen fit to grant you the glories of another day. As we see the rising sun in the FFA, let us remember that there is still a lot of hard work ahead for our organization and a hard day's work ahead for all of us if we are to take advantages of the opportunities extended to us by the FFA. To all of you, I would extend this challenge: Do not let the sun set on a job undone.

This Is My Country

This past year while serving you as a national officer, I was privileged to travel over much of the United States. This provided me with priceless experience which I shall long remember. Among these, were visits to many of our national shrines, the Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and our United States Capitol. All of these helped me appreciate our rich American Heritage.



LARRY PREWITT

We are truly fortunate to live in a land that has so many freedoms. Freedom of Speech, Religion, and Freedom of the Press are just a few of the freedoms that are guaranteed in the Constitution.

However, we fail to realize that everyone in the world does not have these liberties which we sometimes take for granted. During the summer of 1963, 35 other Future Farmers and I toured Eastern and Western Europe. We visited behind the Iron Curtain with the people who live in a government that has no freedoms.

We met the people who could not be democratically represented in their government or who were not permitted to worship in the church of their choice. We met young men who could not belong to an organization like the Future Farmers of America.

Upon leaving the Communist countries, I began to realize why so many people early in our history risked their fortunes and lives in order to mold and shape our democratic way of life.

Patriots like Patrick Henry, who was brave enough to speak the challenge "Give me Liberty or give me Death," like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and others who wrote the Declaration of Independence in order to make this a free country.

I talked with a man in Communist Czechoslovakia who said to me with tears in his eyes, "You really do not realize what priceless freedom you have and enjoy in America. I was once a prosperous and successful farmer, but when Communism took over the country, it also took everything I had. I hope some day to come to America." Today this man begs on the streets for enough to eat.

Just a few minutes ago, we observed a solemn, yet meaningful ceremony when the Colors were Posted. Our American Flag stands for many things. I am sure you thrill when you see it passing by because it represents a great nation where every person is entitled to liberty, justice, equality and opportunity. Our forefathers and countrymen gave much to create and keep the flag an emblem of free people.

Fellows, it is up to you and me to carry the torch of freedom which our forefathers have handed to us. We must be dedicated to our country and strive to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. We must let people know the things for which our Flag stands. It is up to us to be prepared to preserve this Flag of Freedom and our American Heritage. Each time we see "Old Glory" flying in the breeze, we can say with dedicated hearts, "This is my Country, Land that I Love and may She always be the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

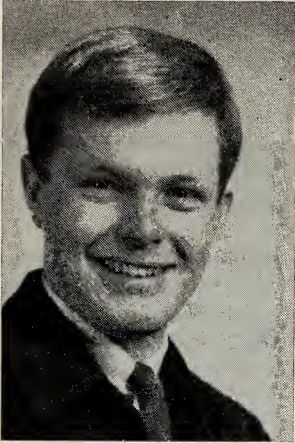
The Golden Opportunity

Two days from now the most enriching year of my life will be through; but the experiences and opportunities the FFA has given to me will live forever.

All of us cannot be officers or American Farmers, but if we can work toward a goal more than just to benefit ourselves, the FFA will accomplish its purposes. I learned this year that each of us has the same opportunity to apply for a Foundation Award, enter a Public Speaking Contest, or become a Star State Farmer, and achieving such a Golden Opportunity may effect thousands of Future Farmers.

Astronauts Cooper and Conrad said that as they saw earth from space they couldn't see the death in Viet Nam, nor the hate in Red China, nor the destruction in places caused by unruly people, but instead they saw the entire world as it appeared to be at peace with the infinity of the Universe. This leads me to wonder if we always see beyond our own capsule of life to consider how our actions may effect the persons we may never meet. It's important that we do this, because our expanding world

begins when we accept a committee responsibility, an office or when we build our farming program.



JOE PERRIGO

I once asked myself how to best prepare for service to others. In the FFA I found the answer. "Involve myself in the wealth of knowledge and opportunity to which we have fallen heir." The late Dr. Albert Schweitzer would step aside to avoid crushing an ant, because he had reverence for life and lived it vigorously. If we will have that same respect and vitality as a national organization and as young men, it will not be difficult to develop character, leadership, citizenship and cooperation among you and I for whom the FFA was created.

Each time I answer the question, "Future Farmers, why are we here?" I find another reason. Our opportunity is experience that cannot be obtained from books or lectures, but must be lived

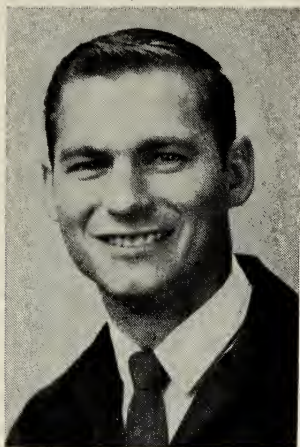
through accepting responsibility. One officer that I saw elected this year showed me the reason for which "he was here." At several parent and son banquets and at his State camp, he demonstrated twice the leadership qualities, confidence and character he had when elected. He had grown rapidly, and had taken advantage of that one golden opportunity to serve his fellow members. It was not so much what others had done for him, but more what he had done for himself, as he realized that only *he* could be the officer he wanted to be. Basically, it is up to the individual whether or not he becomes a leader. Our advisors give us council and the FFA provides opportunities through participating experiences in speaking, Foundation awards, leadership conferences or conventions. Let us use them wisely and with enthusiasm.

The new Miss America, when asked what the greatest challenge during the Pageant Week, replied "that it was not to be better than others, but to be better than one's self." Therefore, when our advisor asks "Would you attend and speak at a meeting or participate in a contest?" instead of replying "No, I am busy", admit that you are short changing yourself and instead say "Yes, I will" because *it* may be the Golden Opportunity to make a contribution to our society through the FFA. If we are to use the FFA for an educational device to prepare us for the world which Conrad and Cooper saw, we must use every opportunity, for opportunity is:

What the industrious man asks for,
 What the lazy man dreams about,
 What the weak man waits for,
 But what the wise makes for himself and uses.

Your Flag . . . My Flag

The hours grow nearer when this 38th National Convention will draw to a close and we will leave for our homes with many fond memories long to be remembered. One memory which I will never forget is the sound of ten thousand Future Farmers as they stand facing the American Flag repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. Patriotism is one of the primary aims of the FFA and at the close of every FFA meeting Future Farmers and guests stand and repeat in unison the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Flag is also used as a symbol of the reporter's station. He has had the honor of being stationed under the flag at this National Convention, but to me it represents much more than just a symbol.



IVAN HUNT

The Flag of the United States of America represents the past, present and future of our country. It stands for our people, our land, and our way of life. Its colors are full of meaning. Throughout the ages, red has stood for courage and sacrifice. In our Flag it embodies the men and women who gave their lives to make our country great. White symbolizes purity, justice and peace in our Flag, it stands for a country in which each true citizen endeavors to be clean in his dealings, working fairly with others, striving for a just peace throughout the world. Blue stands for loyalty, high quality and preparedness, a person is called "True Blue" when he is known to be of unwavering loyalty. The stars on the blue field stand for trust in God and for high hopes of every American.

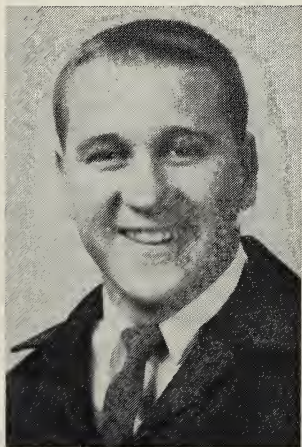
Norman Thomas once said "To us Americans, much has been given of us, much required." We should be ever thankful and proud of the fact that we are Americans. Conditions under which we live are found nowhere else on the globe. But as is often said, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and each and every one of us has the responsibility for seeing that all that has been accomplished does not gradually slip from our grasp. When we Pledge Allegiance to the Flag we promise to be true to our country and to preserve the rights won by our forefathers for generations to come. Perhaps one noted philosopher best summed up what I have been trying to say when he wrote "To be born free is an accident, to live free is a responsibility, to die free is an obligation."

Last year I observed the very inspiring pageant, "Agriculture — Our American Heritage" and as I sat in the balcony watching the American Flag waving in the spotlight its voice cried out to me." I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in

yourself, your dream of what a people may become. I live a changing life, a life of moods and passions, of heartbreaks and tired muscles. Sometimes I am strong with pride, when workmen do an honest piece of work, fitting the rails together truly. Sometimes I droop, for then purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward. Sometimes I am loud, garish, and full of that ego that blasts judgment. But always, I am all that you hope to be, and have the courage to try for. I am song and fear, struggle and panic, and ennobling hope. I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring. I am the farmer, the lawyer, doctor, cook, counselor and clerk. I AM THE CONSTITUTION! I am the battle of yesterday, and the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why. I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolution. I am no more than what you believe me to be, and I am all that you believe I can be. I am what you make me, nothing more. I wave before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and my strips are your dream of your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. Fellow Future Farmers, we are the makers of the Flag and it is my hope and prayer that we may always glory in the making.

“Create to Serve”

Each and everyone of us comes into this world without our will or knowledge. Since the founding of our country, we have burdens handed down from generation to generation—poverty, disease, and the continual threat of world catastrophe. Such is the world we came to at birth. It is our inheritance as truly as is the fortune handed down from father to son. We cannot escape this inheritance but must make the best of it. This heritage from the past is of many kinds.



BOB PAGE

That which impresses us most is perhaps the material conquest of nature which our ancestors have accomplished and which they have handed on to us, not to speak of the great recent developments. Our political principles have been worked out through the years. There are very few of the present physical comforts we can call our own work, for the most has come to us from the past.

All these things and more we breathe as children, and as children generally do we think and feel as our parents do and

usually as our community does. Therefore, such general patterns of thought and feeling come to us unconsciously and we travel merrily on our way, never giving a backward thought that anything could happen to this wonderful heritage of ours.

Our job is to keep and strengthen this heritage, so that we will have something for our own benefit and something to hand down to our posterity.

There are many things that go hand in hand with our way of life and if we are to perpetuate the American ideal and the free enterprise system and the prosperity which is its natural by-product then we must maintain our old-fashioned constitutional integrity, keep our strength and be vigilant and make no compromise with evil. When it is brought to our attention that only 7% of the earth's people enjoy individual freedom today, we know that these few must heed this warning and hold on to this last vestige of individual liberty or to us will come the dropping of the iron curtain as it has come to many parts of the once free world.

Now is no time to weaken or compromise; we must stand firmly on our convictions to maintain our liberties intact, and by so doing through concerted effort we will emerge victorious in this great global fight for freedom.

The men and women who came and founded this great country of ours performed a miracle which had never been done before in the history of the world. At that time they chained government

Report on Activities of National FFA Officers



National Officers meeting with Vice President Hubert Humphrey in July. They invited him to speak at the Thirty-Eighth National FFA Convention.

down, fashioned it to man's purpose, and sought to make sure that it would never break loose to his destruction.

This nation was conceived and rose to world leadership through men of integrity and wide vision, of individuals with bold, far-reaching minds, who insisted on crossing the frontiers of the unknown. Our country and our culture are infinitely richer and stronger for their challenge.

Our desire to earn and to own must never be allowed to lie dormant, and agricultural opportunities ahead in this great age of progress must stir our ambition on to real achievement in FFA and community life. Our American heritage has stood the test of America's way of life—a country the eyes of the world are looking toward for guidance—a country where a man can work, think, speak and worship as he desires—a country where there is wide-open competition of ideas based on wide-open access to knowledge—for all Americans!

Evan J. Green National Student Secretary

We six national officers are grateful for having had the opportunity of "Living to Serve" the Future Farmers of America during the past year. This year has been rewarding, challenging, and inspiring as we have traveled the length and breadth of the nation, representing the FFA in activities in almost every state. We hope that this report might give you an idea of what it is like to be a national officer serving the largest farm boy organization in the world.

At the close of last year's National Convention, we newly elected officers participated in the American Royal parade, and then remained in Kansas City for two days of concentrated leadership training to become acquainted with each other and with our duties as national officers.

Kenny dropped out of college immediately to begin his work for the FFA, while Joe, Ivan, Larry, Bob, and I returned to college to finish our fall terms. During the year Kenny has had a full schedule, ably representing the FFA at such activities as the National Safety Congress, Youth World Conference, Farmers Union Convention, the American Farm Bureau Convention, the American Institute of Cooperatives and the Mid-south Fair with Larry, and the Eastern States Exposition with Joe. In addition, he attended ten state conventions, several leadership conferences, and many other activities during the year.

In November, Joe represented the FFA at the National Grange Convention in Boston.

Bob, Larry, Joe, Ivan and I took semester finals a week early in order to attend our first student officer meeting in Washington, D. C. We met in Washington on January 17 for leadership training to prepare us for the Good Will Tour and our state convention

visits. During two weeks in Washington, we attended the inauguration of President Johnson, became familiar with the Future Farmers Supply Service, the National Future Farmer Magazine, and participated in a sub-regional leadership training conference for state officers. We also attended a luncheon in the Capitol Building with our Congressmen and Senators, met Secretary of Agriculture Freeman, and visited the Headquarters of the National Grange.

On January 31, we drove to Richmond, Virginia to begin the annual National Officers' Good Will Tour. Accompanied by adults from the National Office, and in some cases by state FFA presidents and staff members, we visited 21 cities in 14 states telling the story of the FFA and learning in turn, about the activities of donors who support the activities of the FFA through their contributions to the FFA Foundation. We were encouraged and inspired by the interest shown in our activities and by the support these people are giving to the FFA and to agriculture. We were gratified to learn that many of these people in "big business" have a real appreciation for the role of agriculture in our present economy.

In Richmond, Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Saint Louis, and later in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the officers presented a program entitled "Golden Opportunities in Agriculture", a panel discussion which stressed the broadening scope of our agricultural industries and the expanding opportunities for graduates of vocational agriculture. The tour was an enlightening experience for all of us, and we greatly enjoyed meeting the leaders of our nation's top business and farm organizations. The tour concluded on March 5 in Lexington, Kentucky, with a banquet attended by about 500 FFA members.

In March, we began fulfilling our state convention assignments. One or more national officers participated in 47 state conventions. We hope that we may have been able to inspire and encourage members to take advantage of the many opportunities provided by the FFA. The highlight of the year was working with so many capable Future Farmers at these state conventions. We were impressed with the quality of leadership displayed at these meetings and we appreciate the friendly manner in which we were accepted into state activities.

Also during the year, national officers paired up to work with state officers at sub-regional leadership training conferences. These conferences were held in Washington, D. C., Missouri, Massachusetts, Idaho, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. In addition to state convention and leadership workshops, all the officers attended many state and local FFA activities such as Parent and Son Banquets and Livestock Shows.

In May, Dr. Tenney and I attended the first national convention of the Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, a youth vocational organization organized along the lines of the FFA. Following this meeting, Kenny, Ivan, and I, along with Mr. Gray,

participated in a Good Will Tour in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, and San Francisco, to visit donors in that area, lay the ground work for further FFA Foundation activities and a more extensive tour involving all six officers next year.

On July 27, we returned to Washington, D. C. for our second joint meeting of the Boards of Directors and Student Officers. We did some preliminary planning for the national convention and spent a day at the World's Fair. The highlights of this week were our meeting with President Johnson, Vice-President Humphery, Speaker of the House McCormick and other Senators and Congressmen. Following the board meeting, Ken and Larry traveled to Columbia, Missouri for the American Institute of Cooperation, Bob and Ivan went to Virginia for a leadership workshop; Joe and I drove to Massachusetts for a regional leadership conference and other activities.

Larry, Bob, and Ivan have now entered school, Kenny will return following the convention, and Joe and I will be back in college in January.

Just prior to arriving in Kansas City on October 6, Larry and Joe represented the FFA at the National Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. In the week preceeding the convention, we participated in our third and last joint meeting of the Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

We out going officers would like to express our sincere thanks to the many people who have extended their hospitality to us during our year's tenure. We owe a debt of gratitude to many people for our experiences, but we wish to thank especially our advisors and our parents for their inspiration and guidance. Most of all we thank our heavenly Father, without whose help we could not have served.

If we could be granted one wish, it would be that every Future Farmer might have the opportunity to serve and be served by his organization as we have been served by the FFA during the past year. We have had the opportunity for tremendous personal development and we are sincerely grateful for the honor and privilege of serving you. Remember that leadership is not a gift, it comes as a result of hard work which may gain for you a position of leadership in your local chapter, your state association, or even your national organization. Only through hard work can you achieve leadership help our organization to continue to prosper and improve. May we wish you and our organization the best of success in all future activities.

Report of the National Executive Secretary

WM. PAUL GRAY

Each year we pause at our national convention to review the many accomplishments made during the year by FFA members, chapters and State Associations. We point with pride to the thousands who are becoming successfully established in farming as



well as in agricultural related occupations. The exemplification of rural leadership, cooperation and responsible citizenship speaks well for the systematic instruction given in vocation agricultural. The theme of this convention is "Agricultural is More Than Farming." We commend the State Associations for the excellent manner in which their exhibits have depicted this important theme. Members of the FFA, teachers of vocational agriculture, school administrators, State staffs in agricultural education and members of the staff of the U. S. Office of Education have worked together to help the FFA accomplish worthy objectives. We are indebted to our many friends of business, industry and organizations for their helpful assistance.

Report on National FFA Activities

National Officers

The primary responsibility of your national officers is to inspire Future Farmers to set high goals and work hard to accomplish them through the vocational agriculture training program. The officers have devoted considerable time, traveled thousands of miles and worked tirelessly for the FFA. They have exemplified excellent qualities of leadership, and assisted State and local officers to improve themselves through their work at State conventions, regional workshops for State officers, State camps and local events. Many new friends have been made for the FFA because the officers are friendly, capable, humble, sincere and devoted to "that inspiring task."

State Conventions

Forty-seven State Associations held conventions that were attended by national officers. In general, the national officers were pleased with the way they were used at most conventions. Many State conventions showed evidence of sound planning, which resulted in good business sessions with an excellent exchange of ideas, ample opportunity for leadership development and proper recognition of achievements in agriculture and FFA. On the other hand, certain weaknesses were observed in some convention programs, which should be reviewed by State staffs and State officers, and if acted upon in a positive manner may assure continued improvement of State FFA programs and conventions.

Leadership Training

An increasing number of members were provided participating experience in activities designed for self improvement and leadership development on all levels. Thirty-six State Associations were provided services from the national organization in regional or sub-regional workshops for State officers. Many States used the national officers for pre-convention planning and to give brief and inspirational talks to the newly elected State officers.

A new film was developed the past year titled, "The Challenge...Leadership — The Answer...The Future Farmers of America." This has been shown at a number of State conventions.

Future Farmers Supply Service

The Future Farmers Supply Service is continuing to grow and expand its services. Many State Associations are benefitting by using this important part of your organization to obtain meeting and convention equipment. The Future Farmers Supply Service has not lost sight of the importance of quality and price in providing services to you.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine is gaining in its subscription figures. Each State with 100% of its members subscribing can be proud because they are supporting an important part of your organization. Over 265,000 members now subscribe.

The Official FFA Calendar

This year 1,217 chapters participated in the FFA Calendar program, compared to the 780 chapters five years ago. We encourage all chapters to use one of the three plans available. Share in "telling the FFA story" in colorful photographs of FFA activities.

National Awards Program

There should be a larger number of chapters receiving the SUPERIOR Chapter award. In fact, every chapter should be a *Superior Chapter*. The results of this would be tremendous for the members, the school and the community.

A National FFA Foundation Awards Committee has been studying the FFA Awards Program and has made some excellent suggestions relative to new awards needed for the broadening program of agriculture. Thirty thousand dollars was made available to the States this year for new award programs. There are now ten Agricultural Proficiency Awards. The two new programs approved are Ornamental Horticulture and Home Improvement. A State Association may now apply for all ten Agricultural Proficiency Awards. No major changes have been made in other Foundation Awards this year. However, in the Public Speaking Contest, the time for the delivery of the speech has been changed to a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. Five minutes is still allocated for questioning.

International Education Activities

Two FFA members, David S. Geiman, Jr., of Virginia, and Arlen W. Etling, of Kansas, represented our organization on an Educational Exchange Program in the United Kingdom this summer. Crawford Edie, of Scotland (who had to return home because of an emergency) and Michael Daniell, from England, lived with Future Farmers in Virginia, Kansas, West Virginia, Iowa and Colorado.

The Indiana Association cooperated with the National FFA Office in hosting representatives from the Future Farmers of Mexico. You will want to visit with Senor Monico Rios Rosales, Sub-Director General of Agricultural Education, and the students of vocational agriculture while they are here in Kansas City.

Plans call for broadening the exchange program in 1966.

Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. was organized in 1944. Nine companies contributed \$60,000. to finance an awards program to recognize outstanding achievement in farming and leadership. This year approximately 500 donors contributed over \$218,000. The fact that this number of donors and their contributions continue to grow, is proof of the confidence leaders of business have in you FFA members and your work in agriculture. There are many Foundation donor representatives present at the convention. Please let them know how much all FFA members appreciate their support.

Good-Will Tour

The National FFA Officers journeyed to 21 major cities in 13 States visiting donors to the National FFA Foundation. In addition to providing excellent leadership training, the tour helped to foster a better understanding between business, industry and agriculture. Large dinner meetings were held in Richmond, Baltimore, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Summary of Annual Reports of FFA Activities

	1963	1965
Number of departments of vocational agriculture.....	8,402	8,177
Number of FFA chapters.....	8,368	8,129
Total active membership in FFA.....	395,812	402,783
Number of members on farm placement.....	18,390	31,763
Number of chapters operating a school farm.....	2,159	2,391
Number of chapters renting chapter owned equipment.....	2,260	2,309
Number of chapters operating livestock chains.....	3,027	4,286
Number of chapters that conducted a community-wide safety campaign	3,641	3,646
Number of chapters that conducted an organized conservation program	3,965	4,158

Number of chapters that held a public speaking contest.....	5,233	5,591
Number of chapters that conducted a Creed contest.....	2,500	3,769
Number of States sponsoring a Parliamentary Procedure Contest	40	39
Number of States providing leadership training schools or conferences	40	33
Number of chapters operating on a planned budget.....	5,715	6,293
Number of chapters holding 12 or more meetings per year..	6,239	6,601
Number of chapters where chapter officers meet at least once prior to each regular chapter meeting to plan the program	5,432	6,063
Number of chapters that had a State officer participate in at least one meeting.....	4,143	7,602
Number of States operating camps.....	20	21
Number of chapters conducting parent-son or father-son banquets	5,257	5,842
Number of States operating a Foundation.....	12	12
Number of States that conducted a Good-Will Tour.....	23	20
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the State Farmer Degree	4,581	4,758
Number of chapters nominating candidates for the American Farmer Degree	666	676
Number of chapters rating "Superior" in Chapter Award Program	2,636	3,195
Number of chapters that conducted special activities in observance of National FFA Week.....	6,466	6,205
Number of members attending State conventions.....	46,269	52,607
Number of chapters represented at State conventions.....	6,586	6,950

Highlights of State Activities

In the Annual FFA Report, each State listed three of its most outstanding activities. A brief summary of these follow:

1. State Associations are involving more members in leadership training programs.
 - a. Providing sub-regional FFA leadership conferences for State officers.
 - b. Using training schools for newly elected State officers.
 - c. Conducting special leadership training for chapter officers.
 - d. Increased use of State camps for leadership training for *all* members.
 - e. Increasing number of States held a Green Hand Creed Speaking Contest.
 - f. Providing for a State officer to visit local chapters.
 - g. Increasing number of chapters participate in Public Speaking Contests.
2. An increasing number of States have participated in activities to promote citizenship training.
 - a. Use of pageants at State conventions.
 - b. Use of Vespers Service at State conventions.
 - c. Promote anti-smoking campaigns.
 - d. Conducting activities to benefit handicapped children.
3. State Associations are developing cooperation by the following increased activities:
 - a. Participation in Farm-City Week.

- b. Greater participation in fairs and livestock shows, featuring individual enterprises, chapter exhibits, parades and demonstrations.
 - c. Cooperation with other agencies and groups to preserve wildlife, promote recreation and education.
4. Noteworthy public relations activities are:
 - a. Increasing number of States have given complimentary subscriptions of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to leaders in business, industry, organization and other friends of the FFA.
 - b. Several States had 100% subscription by members to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
 - c. Increased use of the Official FFA Calendars.
 - d. Meetings with State officials in education, organizations and other groups to promote understanding of FFA.
 - e. Radio and TV programs have increased in number and excellence.
 - f. Some excellent good-will tours have been conducted by State Associations.
5. Increased participation in international activities.
 - a. Farm machinery, small tools, livestock, seed, livestock and agricultural scholarships are being provided rural youth in developing countries.
 - b. The international educational exchange program has been broadened by sending FFA boys overseas, as well as hosting rural youth in America.
6. Additional State Associations are forming FFA Foundations, whereas other States are improving their Foundations by contacting new donors and publishing well illustrated Foundation Annual Reports. Most States are giving *proper recognition* to both State and national donors on State convention programs.
7. Continued successful effort to increase active membership, with special emphasis to continue membership after high school graduation.
8. State FFA Conventions have continued to improve program activities designed to inspire members and inform guests about the FFA.
 - a. Emphasis has been given to the use of ceremonies, including the installation of newly-elected State officers.
 - b. Proper dress and practice of the FFA Code of Ethics has been emphasized.
 - c. Banquets for State officers and their parents have been held.
 - d. Recreation, music and talent in the convention program for a "change in pace" has been provided.
 - e. Much emphasis has been given to opportunities in agriculture for FFA members.

- f. Increased use of national officers to inspire members, assist State staff, State officers, and to meet briefly with newly-elected State officers.
- g. Giving proper recognition for Foundation award winners, with a national officer assisting State officer in presenting awards.
- h. Exchanged information and ideas on FFA through exhibits, demonstrations, and special programs on chapter activities.
- i. Putting special emphasis in planning and providing a good business session at State conventions.

We Look to the Future

So little attention was given to the 33 delegates from 18 States at the first National FFA Convention, that a photographer was not even present. There was no basis for looking to the future when the FFA would become one of the most significant and outstanding organizations for rural youth. The proof of its greatness is evident in many ways, but perhaps the achievements of past and present members as well as the support of the general public speaks well for its existence.

The FFA has been well planned and developed, and over the years there have been many noteworthy changes, but always in harmony with the job to be done and the training needed. The FFA Constitution has been amended many times. The organization has adopted policies regarding the use of its emblem; it purchased land for a National Camp, but the camp was discontinued and a beautiful building now houses your National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and the Supply Service. The FFA Foundation was organized and the awards program has been revised periodically to meet the needs of FFA members. A historic occasion occurred this year and was climaxed at the national convention in the joining together of the NFA and FFA. This demonstrates that the FFA is 100% American in its ideals, outlook and the emphasis the organization places upon the development of leadership, patriotism and responsible citizenship. These are just a few of the adaptations, but they have required keen foresight and the dedicated efforts of members, officers, teachers, State and national staffs as well as outstanding leaders in business, industry and other organizations.

The Vocational Education Act of 1963 recognized the need for maintaining and improving the training for production agriculture. It further authorizes vocational agriculture to train students for the broadened field of agriculture in the areas of processing, distribution and servicing. These new programs provide tremendous challenges to the FFA that must be recognized, studied and solved so that the students enrolled in vocational agriculture

are prepared to meet the demands of a complex and competitive agriculture.

If we believe that agriculture is more than farming, if we recognize that agriculture is changing and that the FFA is an integral part of vocational agriculture, then the FFA must keep in step with modern agriculture. In the interest of the purpose and strength of the FFA, as well as the future of agriculture, the FFA must continue to evaluate itself at the local, State and national levels as to whether the organization is meeting the needs of students training for a career in agriculture. As pointed out, many adaptations have been made in the past and no doubt there will be need for further modifications in the future. Most important, the adaptations must be based upon need, and to make decisions on need, one must be familiar with the problems we face today. Other problems may become very important in the future, whereas some may never warrant a need for a change. A few of the problems we face are:

1. The Board of Directors and Student Officers agree that the FFA should continue to operate in the four administrative regions for the time being. However, the U. S. Office of Education is now set up with nine regions, with an agricultural representative eventually to be in each region. Should the FFA administer its program of activities, leadership training, service to the States and determine the contest and award program in nine regions rather than the present four?
2. At the present time there is general feeling that the emblem, letters "FFA" and the organization's name should be retained. However, should we not periodically continue to evaluate the possible need for adjustment?
3. Is the Aim and Purposes of the FFA up to date so that they are the best "guide lines" for motivating students for greater achievements in agriculture, creating proper attitudes, good work habits and at the same time "pin point" what the FFA *is* and what it *does*?
4. A larger number of students from urban areas are enrolling in vocational agriculture, therefore, is the present FFA Creed meaningful and inspiring to *all* students in vocational agriculture?
5. Are the degrees in the FFA appropriate and are the qualifications adequate?
6. Do the FFA rituals and ceremonies add dignity and prestige to the purpose for which they are written and are they "in step" with today's vocational agriculture program of preparing students for careers in agriculture?
7. Is the FFA contests and awards program providing opportunities for training and recognition for *all* vocational agriculture students, whether preparing for farm or non-farm agriculture occupations?



Recognition of Donors to National FFA Foundation



FFA Talent Show



National



Star Farmers - Dubben, James, Jobe, Hobbs



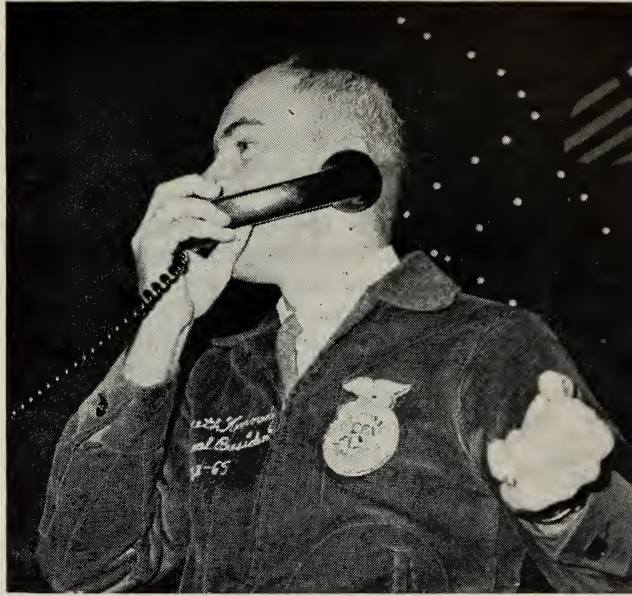
National



Teachers of Vocational Agriculture receive Honorary American Farmer Degree



A Chorus



Talking with Vice President Humphrey



FA Band



Firestone Show - Browning Family

8. Are there other fields of achievements in need of recognition? (i.e. leadership, scholarship)
9. With the increased emphasis on education beyond high school, how can the FFA motivate students to continue their education, and what are ways the FFA can be of greatest service to these young people?
10. In the next two to five years there will be a vast increase in enrollment of students in post-high school (13th - 14th year) training for careers in agriculture that will be offered in vocational, technical or area schools. How can the FFA meet the challenge to provide these youth the training opportunities to develop leadership, cooperation and citizenship that has been provided through the FFA in the past?
11. Vocational agriculture must provide training for careers in the broad field of agriculture. Should two organizations be set up, one for farm and the other for non-farm occupational groups? If so, how should they be designed, administered, awards provided, degrees of achievement determined and a program of activities conducted in FFA for both groups?
12. We agree the FFA is an organization for boys enrolled in high school classes of vocational agriculture; records show an increased number of members going to college which has caused difficulty for many to meet the requirements for active membership. Evidence is strong that enrollment will rapidly increase in the post-high school training programs. The demand on eligible youth of draft age to serve their country has greatly increased the past year. A two year period would give members adequate time to make progress in becoming established in farming. It would make it possible to include membership for the post-high school students as well as the members who go to college who would be eligible to serve as a national officer the second year after high school graduation. Therefore, should serious thought be given to adjusting the maximum age for active membership to two years after graduation from high school?
13. The enrollment of girls in courses in vocational agriculture is continuing to increase. In the interest of the program, would it not be sound for the organization to study the effect of girls in the FFA in States where they are permitted to join the organization under authority of State Statute Laws?

As we look to the future we can depend upon excellent leadership from both members and advisors to meet problems as they continue to arise. The time for action is now—to study, analyze, make adaptations where needed, and fulfill the training needs of the majority of the students enrolled in vocational agriculture. Members, teachers, advisors and all workers in agriculture have a responsibility to give to the next generation a stronger and better FFA organization than we have today.

Report of the National Treasurer

1965

As National Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, it is my pleasure to report to you on the financial status of your Organization. The Convention Proceedings will carry a detailed audited statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1965. We have

prepared an interim statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the period July 1 through September 30, 1965, and for the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30, 1965. Copies of these statements have been distributed in the delegates' section.

In this report I will present a brief review and summary of the financial status and operation of your FFA Organization.

In our system of financial accounting, the total FFA program is divided into four major areas which are as follows:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation
- (3) The Future Farmers Supply Service
- (d) The National Future Farmer Magazine

Dues of FFA members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building (which houses the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National FFA Magazine), all contribute to the income of the Future Farmers of America. Involved in expenses are travel of national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, maintenance of the FFA Building, and your national convention.

Contributions from business organizations and individuals are the main source of income of the FFA Foundation. From January 1 to September 30 of this year, more than 400 donors have contributed a total of \$211,405.68 to the Foundation, about 28 of them contributing for the first time this year.

These business organizations and individuals are genuinely interested in your Organization, as indicated by a total of \$3,198,-767.67 which they have contributed since the Foundation was started in 1944.

Approximately 8% of the Foundation expenditures go for operating expenses. A major portion of the remaining 92% is used for achievement awards paid to vocational agriculture student members of the FFA, which now also includes the NFA.



J. M. CAMPBELL
State Supervisor,
Agricultural Education,
Richmond, Virginia

Since the FFA Foundation originated, a total of \$2,217,126.31 has been awarded to FFA and NFA members.

Income of the Future Farmers Supply Service is received from sales of merchandise to FFA members. Included in the expenses of the Supply Service are the cost of the merchandise operation of the Supply Service, rent of the FFA Building, and royalties to the Future Farmers of America.

The National Future Farmer Magazine receives its income from advertising, and expenses go for editing, printing, mailing, and rent of office space in the FFA Building.

Separate and more detailed reports of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine will be given later.

Your Organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and National Future Farmer Magazine, has a total net worth of \$2,116,666.68.

I should like to explain that my job is State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture with the State Board of Education in Richmond, Virginia.

The FFA Treasurer's office, however, is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. The major portion of the funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this Bank and other Banks and Savings Associations, a total of \$162,270.88 of FFA funds, and \$261,968.16 of Foundation funds, drawing interest from 4 to 4½%. We also have \$150,771.01 of FFA Foundation funds in Government Bonds.

The fiscal year of the FFA Foundation is carried on a calendar year basis, extending from January 1 through December 31. In contrast, the fiscal year of the FFA starts on July 1 and extends through June 30 of the following year.

In order to assure protection of the funds in our care, both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded in an amount to protect your interests. Each year an audit of the funds is made by Certified Public Accountants. The Boards of Students Officers, Directors and Trustees of both the FFA and the FFA Foundation are supplied with copies of the audits, which are reviewed in detail during Board meetings. The records are also reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee and are available for review by any individual member. Every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your Organization.

We wish to assure you that your Organization is in sound financial condition which is a tribute to your program and policies as directed by your National Board of Student Officers, Directors, and Trustees, and the guidance of A. W. Tenney, National Advisor, and Wm. Paul Gray, your Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CAMPBELL

Report on Examination

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

Officers and Directors,
 Future Farmers of America,
 Washington, D. C.

July 21, 1965

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of Future Farmers of America, Washington, D. C., as of June 30, 1965, and the related statements of income, cash receipts and disbursements, and revenue and expenditures (cash basis) for the fiscal year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include the operations of Future Farmers Supply Service or "The National Future Farmer" both of which are audited by other certified public accountants.

Property and equipment reflect appreciation of \$257,763.75, less depreciation thereon of \$6,127.49, as the result of an appraisal made on June 15, 1959.

In our opinion, with the exception stated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1965, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. It is also our opinion that the statements of cash receipts and disbursements and revenue and expenditures (cash basis) present fairly the recorded cash transactions and the revenue and expenditures resulting from cash transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1965.

Respectfully submitted,
 LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT
Certified Public Accountants

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on a Cash Basis

June 30, 1965

ASSETS

GENERAL FUND:

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in bank.....	\$209,862.61
Account receivable.....	2,997.82
Prepaid insurance.....	1,779.18

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS..... \$214,639.61

OTHER ASSETS:

Loans receivable:

"The National Future Farmer":

Cash advances.....	\$ 36,786.20	
Expenses paid in prior periods.....	7,713.80	\$ 44,500.00

Peace Corps.....		10,000.00
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS.....		54,500.00
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

	Gross Amount	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Amount	
Land.....	\$ 28,173.43		\$ 28,173.43	
Paving and landscaping....	21,023.78	\$ 5,666.10	15,357.68	
Fencing.....	2,520.90	831.89	1,689.01	
Buildings.....	401,559.82	50,456.73	351,103.09	
Office and other equipment.....	5,115.13	1,976.60	3,138.53	
Appreciation—land.....	210,629.16		210,629.16	
Appreciation—buildings	47,134.59	6,127.49	41,007.10	
TOTALS.....	<u>\$716,156.81</u>	<u>\$ 65,058.81</u>	<u>\$651,098.00</u>	651,098.00
				<u>\$920,237.61</u>

DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in bank.....	\$ 8,634.00
Certificates of deposit.....	30,000.00

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....	<u>\$ 38,634.00</u>
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LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

GENERAL FUND:

CURRENT LIABILITY:

Accounts payable.....	\$ 1,793.97
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SURPLUS:

Balance, July 1, 1964.....	\$956,050.67
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Add:

Excess of income over expenses.....	\$ 12,804.91
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Capital items included in expenses:

Taxes on land.....	\$ 701.63
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Purchase of equip- ment.....	1,074.04	1,775.67	14,580.58
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	<u>\$970,631.25</u>
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Less:

Adjustments resulting from conversion from cash to accrual method of accounting at July 1, 1964.....	52,187.61
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Balance, June 30, 1965.....	918,443.64
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	<u>\$920,237.61</u>
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DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND:

SURPLUS:

Balance, July 1, 1964.....	\$ 30,000.00	
Add: Transfer from General Fund.....	8,634.00	
Balance, June 30, 1965.....		\$ 38,634.00

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

INCOME:

Membership dues.....		\$ 40,278.30	
Royalties:			
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 98,322.30		
The Fair Publishing House.....	325.00	98,647.30	
Other income:			
Rent:			
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 20,000.00		
The National Future Farmer.....	10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Miscellaneous.....	.10	30,000.10	
Interest.....		4,391.18	
TOTAL INCOME.....			\$173,316.88

EXPENSES:

Travel:			
National officers.....	\$ 19,654.38		
Board of directors.....	1,720.32		
Special (National Staff).....	4,175.63		
Study committee on FFA organization	1,380.28		
Development of regional and national programs.....	41.12	\$ 26,971.73	

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Delegate expense.....	\$ 5,544.50		
National band.....	2,962.01		
Reception.....	590.00		
Printing.....	6,589.52		
Talent.....	1,203.80		
Exhibits.....	900.00		
Leadership training demonstration.....	479.29		
FFA emblem.....	200.00		
Stenotypist.....	452.48		
Photographs and publicity.....	495.78		
Rental of equipment and supplies.....	886.92		
Communications.....	131.18		
Secretarial travel and expense.....	1,143.47		
Decorations and new equipment.....	1,827.86		
Express on trunks.....	97.05		
Labor.....	1,702.75		
Miscellaneous.....	1,622.72	26,829.33	

EXPENSES—(continued):

AWARDS:

American Farmer keys.....	\$ 3,983.49	
Certificates and awards.....	1,498.63	5,482.12

PRINTING:

Farm safety booklet.....	\$ 2,807.47	
Stationery and brochures.....	1,569.60	
Miscellaneous.....	381.92	4,758.99

NATIONAL OFFICE:

Secretaries' salaries:

Executive secretary's office.....	\$ 6,575.00	
National treasurer's office.....	3,142.50	\$ 9,717.50

Director of Public Relations:

Salary.....	12,610.00	
Travel.....	1,779.26	
Secretary—salary.....	6,110.00	20,499.26

Estimated allowance for salary increases.....	1,904.48	
Telephone and telegraph.....	128.03	
Bond premium.....	140.64	
Subscriptions to professional journals....	21.50	
Reference handbooks		
National officers.....	95.06	
Insurance—National officers.....	205.00	
Stenographic expense—		
National officers.....	656.60	
Jackets—National officers.....	496.95	
Brochures.....	9.00	
Repair of equipment.....	178.96	
Postage, express, etc.....	340.01	
Public relations.....	645.44	
Supplies, equipment, and rents.....	758.17	
Calendars.....	1,071.02	
Legal and auditing.....	650.00	
Photographs.....	1,578.50	
Complimentary subscriptions to		
FFA magazines.....	641.50	
National FFA week material.....	1,658.06	
Health insurance.....	202.80	
Social security tax.....	851.13	
Board meetings.....	66.60	
FFA Foundation meeting.....	449.28	
Miscellaneous.....	59.50	43,024.99

JUDGING EXPENSE.....	607.16
RETIREMENT PLAN.....	549.15

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Maintenance, fuel, power, and upkeep.....	\$ 21,571.42	
Special repairs.....	1,366.00	
Depreciation Reserve Fund.....	8,634.00	
Painting.....	1,325.00	
Taxes.....	701.63	
Depreciation.....	9,689.07	
Insurance.....	748.18	44,035.30

EXPENSES—(continued):

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Travel.....	\$ 2,899.72	
FFA brochures, manuals, etc.....	104.10	
Incidentals.....	53.00	
Miscellaneous.....	196.38	3,253.20

SPECIAL EXPENSE:

Grant—National Trade and Industrial Youth Club (VICA).....	5,000.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES.....		160,511.97
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES.....		<u>\$ 12,804.91</u>
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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements General Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

BALANCE, JULY 1, 1964.....		\$159,079.44
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RECEIPTS:

Membership dues.....	\$ 40,278.30	
Royalties.....	98,299.00	

Future Farmers Supply Service:

Rent.....	\$ 20,000.00	
Retirement plan.....	12,704.56	32,704.56

National Future Farmer Magazine:

Rent.....	\$ 10,000.00	
Retirement plan.....	7,609.24	17,609.24

Federal income tax withheld from employees.....	4,464.75	
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Virginia income tax withheld from employees.....	547.65	
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Employees' old-age benefits.....	851.13	
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Employees' retirement contributions.....	1,462.62	
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Interest on savings accounts.....	4,106.87	
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Expense refunds:

Travel.....	\$ 200.00	
National office.....	4,060.78	

Convention:

Tours.....	\$ 1,672.00	
Sale of film.....	9.00	1,681.00

International activities.....	28.00	5,969.78
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Collections on property sold.....	28,374.40	
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Miscellaneous.....	.10	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		<u>234,668.40</u>
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\$393,747.84

(Forwarded)

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel.....	\$ 27,616.90	
National convention.....	28,510.33	
Awards.....	5,482.12	
Printing.....	4,788.94	
National office expense.....	47,017.88	
To increase Depreciation Reserve Fund.....	8,634.00	
Judging.....	607.16	
International activities.....	3,322.75	
Retirement.....	22,325.57	
FFA grounds and building.....	24,716.05	
Withholding tax remitted to Federal Government.....	4,464.75	
Withholding tax remitted to State of Virginia.....	547.65	
Employees' social security taxes paid.....	851.13	
Grant—National Trade and Industrial Youth Club	5,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....		183,885.23
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1965.....		<u>\$209,862.61</u>

Above balance composed as follows:

Unrestricted:

Checking account:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 77,602.25	
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Savings accounts:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 10,413.69	
First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	11,151.20	
Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	11,151.21	
Winchester Savings and Loan Association, Winchester, Virginia..	10,801.93	
Richmond Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	10,336.00	
Security Federal Savings and Loan Association, Richmond, Virginia....	10,336.00	
Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Fairfax, Alexandria, Virginia	10,175.00	
Shenandoah County Bank and Trust Company, Woodstock, Virginia.....	10,302.00	84,667.03

Certificate of deposit:

Commercial and Savings Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	10,000.00	\$172,269.28
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Special land account:

Checking account:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Winchester, Virginia.....	\$ 7,593.33	
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Certificates of deposit:

The National Bank of Woodstock, Woodstock, Virginia.....	\$ 10,000.00	
Massanutten Bank of Strasburg, Strasburg, Virginia.....	10,000.00	
The First National Bank, Strasburg, Virginia.....	10,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL.....		<u>37,593.33</u>

TOTAL.....		<u>\$209,862.61</u>
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Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1965

ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama.....	\$ 1,684.90
Arizona.....	214.80
Arkansas.....	1,495.60
California.....	1,258.80
Colorado.....	253.10
Connecticut.....	52.00
Delaware.....	54.90
Florida.....	957.70
Georgia.....	1,651.60
Hawaii.....	143.60
Idaho.....	332.60
Illinois.....	1,633.60
Indiana.....	997.30
Iowa.....	1,016.50
Kansas.....	669.50
Kentucky.....	1,415.00
Louisiana.....	1,038.10
Maine.....	76.40
Maryland.....	281.20
Massachusetts.....	80.60
Michigan.....	1,077.30
Minnesota.....	1,423.60
Mississippi.....	967.70
Missouri.....	1,215.60
Montana.....	193.90
Nebraska.....	553.20
Nevada.....	45.20
New Hampshire.....	24.40
New Jersey.....	94.20
New Mexico.....	243.50
New York.....	675.70
North Carolina.....	2,273.10
North Dakota.....	311.30
Ohio.....	1,285.00
Oklahoma.....	1,682.90
Oregon.....	431.20
Pennsylvania.....	951.10
Puerto Rico.....	405.00
Rhode Island.....	32.20
South Carolina.....	856.90
South Dakota.....	321.20
Tennessee.....	1,659.00
Texas.....	4,114.10
Utah.....	311.20
Vermont.....	50.40
Virginia.....	1,015.40
Washington.....	597.70
West Virginia.....	516.30
Wisconsin.....	1,489.80
Wyoming.....	152.40

TOTAL DUES COLLECTED..... \$ 40,278.30

The National Future Farmer Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended June 30, 1965

INCOME

Advertising.....		\$310,400.30	
Less: Space Discounts.....	\$ 5,678.20		
Agency Commissions.....	44,721.42	50,399.62	\$260,000.68
Subscriptions.....		129,412.33	
Less: State Association Discounts.....		10,547.51	118,864.82
Single Copy Sales.....			107.45
Total Income from Magazine.....			378,972.95
Calendar Sales.....		77,229.03	
Less: Returns and Allowances.....	409.56		
State Association Discounts.....	654.29	1,063.85	76,165.18
Binder Sales—Net.....			51.10
Calendar Reprint Sales.....			1.50
Total Income.....			455,190.73

EXPENSE

MAGAZINE PRODUCTION COST:			
Printing.....	131,484.49		
Magazine Postage.....	9,927.97		
Engraving.....	6,829.03		
Articles, Photos and Cartoons.....	4,178.75	152,420.24	
ADVERTISING:			
Salaries.....	34,681.36		
Travel.....	12,942.39		
Advertising Representatives' Commissions	3,936.39		
Advertising Salesmen's Commissions	6,366.93		
Promotional.....	9,415.36		
Miscellaneous.....	196.73	67,539.16	
EDITORIAL:			
Salaries.....	14,309.03		
Travel.....	664.15		
Miscellaneous.....	82.00	15,055.18	
CIRCULATION:			
Salaries.....	31,138.63		
Promotional.....	4,007.79		
Fulfillment Costs.....	1,740.66		
Miscellaneous.....	266.33	37,153.41	
CALENDAR:			
Printing.....	32,152.81		
Sales Commissions.....	16,342.04		
Salaries.....	16,847.53		
Promotional Expense—1965 Calendar.....	5,324.45		
Promotional Expense—1966 Calendar.....	3,445.09		
Unsold Calendars.....	2,170.87		
Art and Photographs.....	955.70		
Travel.....	433.09		
Direct Postage.....	99.90		
Miscellaneous.....	216.74	77,988.22	

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Salaries.....	32,140.32		
Rent.....	10,000.00		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,265.33		
Postage and Express.....	2,653.75		
Depreciation.....	3,127.47		
Travel.....	1,131.80		
Social Security Expense.....	3,125.66		
Employees' Retirement Expense.....	5,061.87		
Stationery and Supplies.....	1,967.15		
Printing Supplies.....	442.33		
Audit and Legal.....	917.00		
Insurance.....	641.83		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	628.72		
Expired Due Bills.....	693.80		
Repairs to Office Equipment.....	293.96		
Miscellaneous.....	49.48	65,140.47	415,296.68

Net Excess of Income from Operations..... 39,894.05

OTHER EXPENSE:

Cash Discounts—Advertisers.....	4,767.65		
Bad Debts.....	633.71		
Shortage.....	3.53	5,404.89	

OTHER INCOME:

Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets.....	10.00		
Miscellaneous.....	415.28	425.28	4,979.61

Net Excess of Income for the Year..... \$ 34,914.44

**Future Farmers Supply Service
Statement of Income and Expense**

Year Ended June 30, 1965

	Stockroom	Drop Shipment	Total
Sales.....	\$828,563.34	\$594,092.17	\$1,422,655.51
COST OF GOODS SOLD:			
Inventory, July 1, 1964.....	137,542.75		137,542.75
Purchases.....	522,490.68	430,531.06	953,021.74
Lettering Cost.....	41,956.89		41,956.89
Freight In.....	5,618.27		5,618.27
Shipping Charges.....		19,073.91	19,073.91
	707,608.59	449,604.97	1,157,213.56
Less: Inventory, June 30, 1965.....	177,206.06		177,206.06
Cost of Goods Sold.....	530,402.53	449,604.97	980,007.50
Gross Profit.....	<u>\$298,160.81</u>	<u>\$144,487.20</u>	<u>442,648.01</u>
EXPENSE:			
Salaries.....		\$165,981.01	
Royalties.....		99,585.88	
Freight and Postage.....		47,623.76	
Advertising.....		13,212.55	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....		6,320.91	

Wrapping and Shipping Materials and Supplies.....	4,942.11		
Rent.....	20,000.00		
Legal and Accounting.....	3,885.00		
Depreciation.....	9,652.19		
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,653.08		
Insurance.....	2,370.68		
Group Hospitalization Insurance.....	1,144.38		
Social Security Taxes.....	5,919.03		
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2,062.53		
Travel.....	3,463.24		
Truck and Auto Expense.....	742.21		
Merchandise Losses.....	1,099.82		
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....	3,743.06		
Office Expense.....	1,768.39		
Retirement Expense.....	8,394.08		
Miscellaneous Expense.....	105.37	403,669.28	
			\$ 38,978.73
OTHER INCOME:			
Interest Income.....	4,362.50		
Discounts Received.....	1,058.57		
Miscellaneous Income.....	2,018.51	7,439.58	
OTHER EXPENSE:			
Discounts and Allowances.....	2,773.19		
Bad Debts.....	452.58		
Loss on Disposal of Equipment.....	107.36	3,333.13	4,106.45
			43,085.18
Less: Loss on Discontinued Merchandise— New Farmers of America.....			4,214.22
Net Excess of Income for the Year.....			<u>\$ 38,870.96</u>

**Future Farmers of America—General Fund
Future Farmers Supply Service
The National Future Farmer
Consolidated Statement of Income and Expense**

Year Ended June 30, 1965

INCOME:		
Sales.....	\$1,422,655.51	
Less: Cost of Goods Sold.....	980,007.50	
Gross Profit.....		\$442,648.01
Advertising Income—Net of Agency Discounts and Commissions.....		260,000.68
Subscription Income—Net of State Association Discounts.....		118,972.27
Royalties.....		325.00
Calendar Income.....		76,166.68
Membership Dues.....		40,278.30
Interest Income.....		8,753.68
Miscellaneous Income.....		2,443.89
Discounts Received.....		1,058.57
Binder Income—Net.....		51.10
Total Income.....		<u>\$950,698.18</u>

EXPENSE:

Salaries—General and Administrative.....	\$228,463.31
Magazine Costs—Production Department.....	152,420.24
—Advertising Department.....	67,539.16
—Circulation Department.....	37,153.41
—Editorial Department.....	15,055.18
Freight and Postage.....	50,617.52
Royalties.....	1,263.58
Travel.....	33,346.03
National Convention.....	26,326.58
Depreciation.....	21,526.04
Maintenance and Utilities.....	21,000.13
Calendar Costs and Expense.....	77,988.22
Retirement Expense.....	14,005.10
Advertising.....	13,212.55
Printing, Stationery and Supplies.....	13,047.05
Social Security Taxes.....	9,895.82
National Office—Miscellaneous Expense.....	8,347.82
Discounts and Allowances.....	7,540.84
Awards.....	5,482.12
Legal and Accounting.....	5,452.00
Special Expense—Grant.....	5,000.00
Wrapping and Shipping Supplies.....	4,942.11
Telephone and Telegraph.....	4,455.89
Insurance.....	3,965.69
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise.....	3,743.06
International Activities.....	3,253.20
Repairs.....	3,163.92
Health Insurance.....	1,975.90
Office Expense.....	1,768.39
Taxes and Licenses.....	1,653.08
Merchandise Losses.....	1,099.82
Bad Debts.....	1,086.29
Truck and Auto Expense.....	742.21
Expired Due Bills.....	693.80
Judging Expense.....	607.16
Printing Supplies.....	442.33
Miscellaneous Expense.....	265.74

\$848,541.29

NON-RECURRING EXPENSE:

Loss on Discontinued Merchandise— New Farmers of America.....	4,214.22
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Total Expense..... 852,755.51

Net Excess of Income for the Year..... \$ 97,942.67**Consolidated Analysis of Accumulated Excess of Income**

June 30, 1965

Balance, July 1, 1964.....	\$1,449,905.62
Add: Excess of Income for the Year (Exhibit B).....	97,942.67
	1,547,848.29
Less: Adjustment resulting from conversion from cash to accrual method of accounting at July 1, 1964.....	\$ 51,526.70
Elimination of Appreciation, Land and Build- ings at July 1, 1964.....	252,578.95
Transfer to Depreciation Reserve Fund.....	8,634.00
	312,739.65
Balance, June 30, 1965.....	<u>\$1,235,108.64</u>

National FFA Budget

JULY 1, 1965—JUNE 30, 1966

BALANCE ON HAND—July 1, 1965..... \$ 77,602.25

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Dues.....	\$ 42,700.00	
Royalties.....	98,450.00	
Rent:		
Future Farmers Supply Service.....	\$ 20,000.00	
FFA Magazine.....	10,000.00	30,000.00
Interest:		
Earned on Savings.....	4,250.00	
Miscellaneous.....	50.00	175,450.00
BALANCE ON HAND PLUS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.....		<u>\$253,052.25</u>

EXTIMATED EXPENDITURES

I. NATIONAL OFFICE EXPENSE

Salaries.....	\$ 45,500.00	
Travel—Director of Public Relations.....	2,000.00	
Travel—Information Specialist.....	2,000.00	
National FFA Week Material.....	2,050.00	
Supplies, Equipment and Rental.....	2,000.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	200.00	
Postage and Express.....	350.00	
Repair and Adjustment.....	200.00	
Comp. Subscriptions to Magazine.....	850.00	
FFA Calendars.....	1,200.00	
Photographs.....	1,500.00	
Public Relations.....	800.00	
Health Insurance.....	225.00	
Legal and Auditing.....	900.00	
Bond Premiums.....	500.00	
Board Meetings—Coiner.....	100.00	
Subscriptions to Prof. Journals.....	50.00	
Handbooks, Reference for National Officers.....	100.00	
Stenographic Expense for National Officers.....	725.00	
Insurance for National Officers.....	205.00	
Clothing and Equipment for National Officers.....	500.00	
Brochures.....	20.00	
FFA Foundation Meeting.....	100.00	
Social Security Tax.....	900.00	
Miscellaneous.....	400.00	\$ 63,375.00

II. TRAVEL

National Officers.....	20,000.00	
Board of Directors.....	2,500.00	
Special Travel (National Staff).....	5,000.00	
Development of Regional and National Programs.....	2,000.00	
Special Study Committee on FFA.....	2,000.00	31,500.00

III. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegate Expense.....	5,650.00
Printing.....	7,100.00
National Band.....	3,000.00
Secretarial Travel and Expense.....	1,250.00
Pageant Program.....	600.00

	Talent.....	1,200.00	
	Exhibits.....	1,000.00	
	Leadership Training Demonstration.....	500.00	
	FFA Donors Reception.....	600.00	
	Stenotypist.....	400.00	
	Photographs and Publicity.....	800.00	
	Communications.....	150.00	
	Rental of Equipment, and Supplies.....	875.00	
	Decorations and New Equipment.....	1,000.00	
	Express on Trunks.....	100.00	
	Labor.....	1,600.00	
	Miscellaneous.....	350.00	26,175.00
IV.	FFA BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS		
	Maintenance, Fuel, and Repair.....	\$ 24,000.00	
	Taxes.....	2,000.00	
	Depreciation (Reserve Fund).....	10,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
V.	PRINTING.....		3,000.00
VI.	AWARDS		
	American Farmer Keys.....	4,100.00	
	Certificates and Awards.....	1,650.00	5,750.00
VII.	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.....		2,000.00
VIII.	JUDGING CONTEST EXPENSES.....		700.00
IX.	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
	Travel.....	3,300.00	
	Subsistence (Per Diem).....	2,200.00	
	Printing FFA Materials (Foreign).....	600.00	
	FFA Brochures, Manuals, Etc.....	100.00	
	Color Slides of FFA Activities.....	200.00	
	Incidentals (Medical, Insurance, Etc.).....	100.00	
	Miscellaneous.....	200.00	6,700.00
X.	CONTINGENT		250.00
	TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....		<u>\$175,450.00</u>

Committee Reports



Interviewing National Officer Candidate

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee do hereby submit the following candidates for the National FFA Officers for the year 1965-66. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

<i>President</i>	HOWARD L. WILLIAMS, North Carolina
<i>Student Secretary</i>	JOSEPH B. DETRIXHE, Kansas
<i>Central Vice President</i>	JAMES STITZLEIN, Ohio
<i>No. Atlantic Vice President</i>	WILLIAM M. KELLY, JR., New Hampshire
<i>Pacific Vice President</i>	LARRY E. CRAIG, Idaho
<i>Southern Vice President</i>	NORMAN GAY, Georgia
<i>Advisor</i>	H. N. HUNSICKER, Washington, D. C.
<i>Executive Secretary</i>	WM. PAUL GRAY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Treasurer</i>	J. M. CAMPBELL, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Gish, California (*Chairman*)

George Fox, Indiana

Lee Klampe, Oregon

Steve Bollinger, Virginia

Keith Goodwin, South Dakota

Douglas Butterfield, Rhode Island

Kent Glenn, New Mexico

Billy Joe Wiley, Tennessee

Charles Stites, Delaware

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have inspected the general account records of the national organization of the Future Farmers of America, kept by J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, and Mrs. Pauline D. Coiner, Secretary to the National Treasurer, and reviewed the audit prepared by Leach, Calkins & Scott, Certified Public Accountants, for the fiscal year July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965, and find all records accurate and in proper order.

The Auditing Committee suggests that appointments for committees at the National Convention be done at an earlier date so that committee members may prepare for their assignments.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Rutledge, Wyoming, (*Chairman*)
Donald Fisher, Rhode Island
Danny Cutrer, Louisiana
Jim Riess, Minnesota
Jim Peterson, Washington
Kenneth Nagel, Nebraska
John Stroh, Colorado

Report of the Committee on Ceremonies and Rituals

We, the members of the Committee on Ceremonies and Rituals, present the following report:

We are in general agreement that the FFA ceremonies and/or rituals for the most part are adequate for the present status of vocational agriculture. We can foresee, that as vocational agriculture adapts to the new program, a need could arise for several changes in our ceremonies. We suggest, however, that any change should be made gradually and only after carefully consideration by the membership at large. We further suggest that when changes are made, the word "farming" be retained wherever possible.

We recommend that all State associations strive to better acquaint their membership with the new vocational agriculture program and seek out those recommendations which the membership feels will be needed to strengthen the FFA.

We realize that as the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 made it possible for vocational agriculture to develop, there was a lapse of eleven years before our national organization could be started. Since the Vocational Education Act of 1963 has just recently been activated, we feel that an adequate period of observation and adjustment is needed before any drastic changes can occur in our organization and ceremonies.

Upon careful consideration of the report of the National Study Committee, we would like to present the following recommendations:

1. In harmony with Article XIV of the National Constitution, concerning dues, the national dues be raised to 50 cents per

member to include a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. Ten cents of this amount would go to help pay expenses for operating the national organization.

2. That Article VI, Section A, of the National Constitution concerning the number of American Farmer Degrees submitted by each State be amended to read, "A State association may submit, annually, the application of one candidate for the American Farmer Degree of the first 500 active members; a second candidate for an active membership of 501 to 1,000; and for each additional 1,000 active members or major fraction thereof, it may submit one additional candidate, compiled on the basis of national dues received in the office of the national treasurer by midnight of June 15, or shown by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the National Treasurer on or before June 11."

3. That the official Creed should be revised as follows:

Paragraph #1—As Proposed (in latest proposal)

Paragraph #2—I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agriculture pursuit is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

Paragraph #3—As Proposed with the substitution of "progressive agriculture," rather than "an enlightened agriculture."

Paragraph #4—As proposed.

Paragraph #5—As Proposed.

We the committee hope that in future years, the feelings of the membership at large will be voiced prior to the national convention in relation to recommended improvements in the national organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morrison, Arizona (*Chairman*)
 John Griffith, Maine
 Jimmy Welsh, Missouri
 Monte Reese, Oklahoma
 Eddie McMillan, Illinois
 Harrell Day, Alabama
 Gregory Bamford, Colorado

Report of the Convention Proceedings Committee

We, the Committee on Convention Proceedings for 1965, recommend the following:

1. That the major sections of the contents be arranged in much

the same manner as last year's Proceedings with the exception of interchanging the positions of the Committee Reports and National FFA Awards sections.

2. That the members of the National FFA Band and the FFA Chorus be recognized by the listing of their names and States in the Proceedings after the National FFA Awards section previously moved.
3. That the speech of the winner in the National Public Speaking Contest again be printed in the Convention Proceedings.
4. That more pictures be used that emphasize the functions rather than the convention program.
 - a. Use pictures of judging contests and tours which relate more to agricultural learning.
 - b. Use pictures of a committee group in action placed prior to the committee reports in the Convention Proceedings.
 - c. Use more color pictures of convention highlights.
 - d. Use more "in action" pictures of individual winners of the Agricultural Proficiency Awards, supplementing it with an explanation of the nature of the contest and a summary of each winner's accomplishments in this contest.
5. That the National President's official call to the convention be included in the introductory section of the Proceedings.
6. That the Proceedings be sent to the donors to the National FFA Foundation, speakers at the convention, and each local chapter.
7. That additional copies of the Proceedings be made available through the Future Farmers Supply Service at a low cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Keith, Georgia (*Chairman*)
Donald Barkman, Kansas
Dan Wambeke, Wyoming
Donald Pfister, Wisconsin
Don Parker, New Mexico
Julio M. Maldonado, Puerto Rico

Report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee recommend the following:

1. Any chapter desiring to have additional supplies or changes in supplies included in the Future Farmers Supply Service catalogue, should submit in writing, their recommendations before January 1, in order that the suggestions may be considered at the January meeting of the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers.

2. Chapters aware of their annual supply needs should send orders early to avoid the seasonal rush during the last quarter of each calendar year.

3. The date the order is needed when placing rush orders should be stated for the benefit of both the Supply Service and the person desiring the order.

4. Each chapter member should print neatly, including the proper lettering and state the size of article desired, and in return this order should meet the approval of the chapter advisor before forwarding it to the Supply Service.

5. The National Boards of Directors and Student Officers should consider the merit of making available grain containers for the exhibition and judging of grains at exhibitions.

6. Continue working on making available the recording of the National Public Speaking Contest.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Davis, New Mexico, (*Chairman*)
Wesley Hair, Connecticut
Ronnie Mathis, Alabama
George Parsons, Michigan

Report of the Leadership Training Committee

We, the committee on Leadership Training for 1965, encourage leadership training through the following:

1. The National FFA Organization encourage State associations to hold one or more leadership conferences within a region where one or more national officers meet with the State officers to give assistance in leadership training.
 - a. To give State officers an idea of how to help develop leadership in their respective States at a chapter level.
 - b. To give the State officers an opportunity to meet their neighboring States' officers.
2. Each State association be responsible for a planned and systematic leadership program for chapter officers.
3. Each State conduct programs for local chapters to encourage further individual leadership through contests which have proved successful in certain states such as:
 - a. Greenhand Creed Contest
 - b. Agricultural Forum
 - c. Parliamentary Procedure
 - d. Public Speaking

Respectfully submitted,

John Colliver, Kentucky, (*Chairman*)
Laddie Schuh, South Dakota
Gabriel Borge, Puerto Rico
John Sustacha, Nevada
Brian Towne, New Hampshire
Douglas Izard, Mississippi
Patrick Comings, New York

Report of the National Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1965 National Convention Committee commend the national officers for their outstanding work in representing, through their various capacities, our great organization the Future Farmers of America.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Boards of Directors and Student Officers for their consideration in the hope of improving our next convention:

1. All committees be selected and notified at least two weeks prior to the convention as to delegates, chairman, and the duties of each committee so that adequate time for study of information may be allotted. The nominating committee will be selected at the time of the National Convention, the delegates to be removed from other committees. (We suggest that the above information be included in the delegate folders, and sent to the State Executive Secretary with a letter explaining the distribution of the delegate folders as has been done in the past.)
2. The National Convention Committee should be composed of official delegates with previous national convention attendance.
3. Practice for the National Chapter Award winners and the FFA Foundation Agricultural Proficiency Awards be held before the Vespers Program and practice for American Farmer and Star Farmer be held following the Vespers Program.
4. An appropriate theme for the National Convention and the FFA year be adopted annually, and, more states be encouraged to prepare a state exhibit for the National Convention, based upon the theme.
5. Encourage participation in tours to points of interests.
6. A study be made concerning having our National Convention in early August. It was pointed out by the committee members that:
 - a. High school members miss too much school.
 - b. Would encourage 100% participation in the American Farmer Degree Ceremony.
 - c. National officer candidates would not drop out of college and therefore the number of candidates for these coveted offices would increase.
7. The National Convention Committee present its report Friday evening, this would allow time to evaluate all of convention proceedings.
8. Continue to make the convention dynamic, impressive, and interesting.

9. Continue to hold a dramatic and inspirational Vespers Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy McCoy, Arkansas (*Chairman*)

Brant Bishop, Nevada

Steven Hunter, West Virginia

Michael Schwab, Michigan

Roger Rees, Utah

Glenn Byrd, Florida

Report of the National FFA Calendar Committee

In order to further promote the distribution of the Official National FFA Calendar, and realizing that the calendar is one of the most important FFA public relations activities, we, as members of this committee, make the following recommendations:

1. Bring about increased participation on both the chapter and State level.
 - a. The local chapters and State associations form an official FFA calendar committee.
 - b. Local advisors use the material received from the calendar department to inform the chapter committee concerning the calendar program.
 - c. All State officers and State staff stress the importance of the official calendar program at all State leadership camps and officer training sessions, preferably during public relations sessions; and that State officers be encouraged to include brief comments on the calendar program during chapter visits.
 - d. The State advisors and executive secretaries assist in providing information to the new State officers and calendar committee and emphasize the importance of the National FFA Calendar Program.
 - e. The calendar department provide appropriate articles to be included in State FFA publications to familiarize each chapter with the three plans of the calendar program.
 - f. Chapters be encouraged to use official calendars even when already using a local fund raising calendar.
 - g. Chapters be encouraged to assist their sponsors in distributing the calendar.
2. Increase the number of calendars being distributed.
 - a. Chapters impress upon each prospective sponsor the benefits and advertising values of the calendar to his business.
 - b. Chapters and sponsors be encouraged to include non-FFA homes in calendar distribution.
 - c. Chapters provide the official FFA calendar as the room calendar for all classrooms in their local school system.

- d. Local chapters and State calendar committees be familiar with Plans A, B, and C, of the Official Calendar Program and encourage participation in Plan A, if at all possible.
3. The encouragement of distribution of all three calendar styles (booklet, indoor poster, desk) should be continued.
4. Chapters should be encouraged to place all orders early, preferably by September 1, of the preceding year, to facilitate a more efficient calendar program.
5. Distribution of calendars where they will accomplish the greatest public relations benefits for Future Farmers of America should continue to be encouraged.
6. The Official Calendar Program be included in the National, State and local programs of work as a separate sub-heading under the Public Relations Section, and the goals should emphasize the State association and local chapters participate more actively in the calendar program, possibly by utilizing Plan B of the Official Calendar Program.

We commend the FFA Calendar staff for the excellent manner in which the calendar program is being developed and promoted, and encourage them to seek new ideas for continued improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Kuhlmann, Nebraska (*Chairman*)

Don Driver, Alabama

Earl Tillotson, Vermont

John Milner, Arkansas

Carl Moore, West Virginia

Report of the National Foundation and Awards Committee

Resolved that the Report of the 1964 Awards Committee be accepted in its entirety with the appropriate changes. And, that we urge greater participation on local, State and National levels as designated in this report, which reads as follows:

On behalf of the National FFA Organization we, the National Foundation and Awards Committee of the 38th Annual National Convention, wish to express our appreciation to the many donors whose aid has made it possible to develop the aim and purposes of our organization, inspire members to reach high goals and be recognized appropriately.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to L. W. Moore, President of the American Oil Company for his services as Chairman of the 1965 Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

We submit the following recommendations to the National Boards of Student Officers and Directors for their consideration:

1. Specific instructions to be continued to the delegates concerning duties and responsibilities at the donor reception.

2. States be encouraged to invite donor representatives to their State conventions or award banquets.
3. In order to further recognize these donors:
 - a. The national FFA office send a list of donor representatives to each State office.
 - b. The State FFA office send a designated portion of these names to each local chapter in the State.
 - c. The individual chapters write letters of appreciation to their list of donors.
 - d. Local, district, and State winners of Foundation awards write letters of appreciation to the chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
4. Chapters be encouraged to invite local donor representatives to their chapter banquet.
5. Encourage State FFA associations to apply for all FFA Foundation awards that are available.
 - a. Use State Officers to encourage local chapter members to participate.
 - b. The National organization and the State association prepare promotional brochures to inform students about all Foundation awards.
6. Give appropriate recognition to the FFA Foundation at local chapter banquets and at State Conventions, clearly indentifying and separating awards from the State Foundation from those available from the National FFA Foundation, Inc.
7. More chapters participate in the National Chapter Awards Program through:
 - a. Encouragement by State associations.
 - b. The National Future Farmer feature a special article on merits of receiving the Superior Chapter rating.
 - c. National officers continue to emphasize the importance of the National Chapter Awards Program.
8. State associations continue to encourage local chapters to use the Agricultural Proficiency award medals.
9. There be a gradual upgrading of the requirements for standard and superior chapter rating.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Grumbine, Pennsylvania (*Chairman*)
Alois Fettig, North Dakota
LeRoy Perkins, Iowa
Sidney Sauls, North Carolina
Arlo McPherson, Maine
Ronald Millner, Virginia
Clifford Hudson, Delaware

Report of the National Magazine Committee

We, the members of the 1965 National Magazine Committee submit the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Encourage members and advisors to write letters, giving personal views on the magazine and any suggestions of improvement.
2. It is recommended that one person in each of the local chapters be given the responsibility of the FFA Magazine, which will include handling subscriptions and distribution of complimentary issues, as well as follow-up correspondence with the magazine when members fail to receive their copies.
3. Suggest the continued use of articles by or about the national officers to better acquaint local chapter members with the national scope of our organization and its officers.
4. Encourage the local chapters, State associations and collegiate chapters to send in articles and pictures to be used in the magazine. Every local chapter should be encouraged to send essay type stories, pictures and items for "FFA in Action" directly to the magazine. Pictures and articles should conform to standard set by Official FFA Manual.
5. Encourage local chapters, State associations and the national organization to provide complimentary subscriptions of the magazine to friends of the FFA, and have the magazine made available in as many public places as possible. We suggest a letter be used, designating from whom a complimentary copy is from.
6. Encourage former members and others (interested) to subscribe to the magazine.
7. Have State officers encourage use of the National FFA Magazine during chapter visits, pointing out the value of the magazine, and to encourage members to subscribe.
8. This report should be published in both The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and the newsletter prepared by the magazine.
9. We recommend that the magazine staff consider a feature section in each issue based upon a theme and encourage chapters to submit advance articles and pictures in the suggested area.
10. That each State association subscribe to the magazine, and that the subscription be included in the National dues.
11. We commend members of the Magazine staff for articles that have been published along the line of State and local leadership training and of agricultural related occupations.

We wish to commend the staff for the improvement of the Magazine in having more and better articles and a larger circulation.

The committee wishes to thank the national officers for their backing of the magazine. Our thanks also go to Mr. Wilson Carnes and his staff for their untiring efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Graeber, Texas (*Chairman*)
 Carl Robinette, Maryland
 Cyrus Vernon, North Carolina
 Johnny Boyd, South Carolina
 Clayton Emond, Montana
 Keaton Vandemark, Ohio
 Ronald Wright, Massachusetts

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF WORK 1965-1966

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING AND/OR OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE		
1. Awards for Achievements In Agriculture	Cooperate in administering and promoting the FFA Foundation Awards Program to provide appropriate awards for agricultural achievements by FFA members	a. Administer and give Achievement in Farming Awards to FFA members. b. Distribute to local chapters appropriate Foundation medals. c. Present awards at appropriate ceremonies. d. Revise and distribute forms as necessary.
2. Publicity of Achievements	Give recognition for outstanding achievements Cooperate in making films in the following areas: 4 Star Farmers; Farming Today; Agriculture — Dynamic — Challenging	a. Prepare and distribute news releases about national award winners. b. Publicize achievements of award winners. a. Make records available to producers. b. Assist in showing of film at national convention. c. Make film available at local, State and regional levels. d. Make an off-farm occupational experience film available at local, state and national levels.
II. COOPERATION		
1. National Farm Organizations	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations	a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Educational & Co-operative Union, Farm Institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.
2. Dairy Cattle Congress	Participate in Congress	a. Hold National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and National Dairy Products Contest. b. Confer National Dairy Farming awards.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		c. Arrange for public appearances by award winners and officers. d. Make national officers available for programs and public relations activities
3. American Royal Live Stock Show	Participate in American Royal	a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal. b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade. c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
4. Farm Expositions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at Eastern States Exposition, NEPPCO, Mid-South Fair, Denver National Western, and other State, regional or national expositions	a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate. b. Assist with exhibits, exposition, pageants, etc. c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA.
5. International Educational Exchange Program	Coordinate and assist State Department in training program with Future Farmers from other countries	a. Continue training program for trainees and coordinate programs with State associations. b. Continue to have the exchange students attend important FFA events, such as Dairy Cattle Congress, National Convention, Eastern States Exposition, etc. c. Arrange for a national officer and staff member to participate in the exchange program when desired by State Department.
6. American Vocational Association	Participate in AVA	a. Arrange for a national officer to attend if requested. b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State association or the national organization.
7. National Safety Council	Participate in National Safety Congress	a. Have a National FFA Officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago. b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.
8. Farm-City Week	Participate in Farm-City Week	a. Use national officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.
9. Business, Industry and other Organizations	Foster better understanding of business and industry to agriculture, and encourage service to the FFA.	a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, filmstrips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA. b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
10. Youth Organizations	Participate in worthwhile activities	a. Provide national officer representation at national meetings of other youth organizations when invited. b. Invite representatives of other youth organizations to national FFA convention.
11. Civil Defense	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	a. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fallout shelters, civil defense needs, etc. b. Encourage local chapters and State associations to contact appropriate civil defense agencies concerning the distribution of information on fallout shelters, civil defense, etc.
12. Peace Corps	Cooperate and assist Peace Corps in recruitment activities and overseas operations	a. Use national officers and other personnel to assist Peace Corps in leadership activities. b. Arrange for the national office to prepare and distribute current information on FFA Peace Corps projects. c. Encourage State associations and chapter advisors to inform FFA members about FFA Peace Corps projects and agricultural opportunities in the Peace Corps. d. Encourage FFA chapters to devote one meeting per year to a program on "opportunities in international agriculture through the Peace Corps."

III. SERVICES TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

1. National Officers	To make maximum use of National FFA Officers	a. Have each State convention attended by one national officer. b. Participate in other important State FFA leadership activities, i.e., State officers training, etc. c. Participate in other activities where and when of value to the FFA.
2. Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available official FFA supplies from one source	a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service. c. Have staff members of the Future Farmers Supply Service attend State conventions.
3. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	Provide a National magazine for members	a. Administer publication of magazine. b. Keep States and local chapters informed of FFA activities and events. c. Have staff attend State activities, or regional meetings. d. Members and States submit articles for publication. e. Complimentary copies be given to honorary members.
	100% of all FFA members to subscribe to magazine	a. Recommend that magazine subscription rate be collected with FFA membership dues on a chapter level.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Official FFA Calendar	Make available an Official FFA Calendar	a. Administer publication of calendar. b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar. c. States and chapters to use calendar for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity.
5. Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.	To make maximum use of Foundation awards Recognize emerging agricultural occupations All States participate in Public Speaking, Chapter Award Program, Farm Proficiency Awards and Judging contests	a. Acquaint State associations and local chapters with Foundation. b. Prepare and distribute appropriate information about awards available from Foundation. c. Administer the selection of regional and national Foundation award winners. d. Direct the distribution of Foundation Awards to State associations. a. Develop a program of awards to stimulate interest in the emerging agricultural occupations. a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with awards programs. b. Prepare, simplify, and distribute forms. c. Supervise Public Speaking Contest, Judging Contests, National Chapter Award Program and Farm Proficiency Awards. d. Make available appropriate plaques, awards, certificates, etc.
6. FFA Building and Property	Supervise, operate and maintain real estate, building and equipment owned by the FFA Build appropriate FFA marker	a. Administer operation and maintenance of FFA Building. b. Landscape and maintain beauty of building grounds. c. Rent basement and 1st floor to Supply Service. d. Rent 2nd floor to The National Future Farmer Magazine. e. Keep adequate insurance. f. Build and maintain adequate facilities. a. Use State stones, large emblem, etc.
7. Publications	Provide State associations and chapters with needed publications	a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Convention. b. Revise and keep up to date through the FFSS an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA, that can be used by lay people and prospective students of vocational agriculture. c. Revise and keep up to date a Handbook for National FFA Officers and this be published by July 1 for use in training of State officers. d. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters. e. Revise and keep up to date the Official FFA Manual. f. Assist with the preparation of FFA Foundation publications.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
8. FFA Filmstrips	Produce filmstrips and colored slides which provide general information on FFA, National FFA Convention, Good-Will Tour and Proper Use of the FFA Jacket	a. Slides and filmstrips to be used by FFA members and others when speaking before groups. b. Have filmstrips and slides sold by Future Farmers Supply Service
9. Correspondence	Provide information on FFA	a. Acquaint State associations and chapters with new developments pertaining to FFA. b. Acquaint others with important activities of the organization. c. Handle correspondence in relation to FFA problems by chapters, State associations and others.

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Leadership Training	Emphasize training in citizenship	a. Encourage program on citizenship at national convention. b. Provide materials on citizenship to State associations and local chapters.
	Hold Regional Leadership Conferences for State Officers	a. Assist and cooperate with State associations. b. Assign national officers to participate. c. Furnish material, personnel, etc., as needed for conferences. d. Encourage 100% of State officers to participate in a Sub-Regional Leadership Conference.
	Provide leadership training at national convention	a. Provide financial assistance to State leadership demonstrations. b. Provide time on program for leadership training.
2. Citizenship Training	Provide training in Citizenship	a. Include in leadership training at national convention and also at the regional training conferences. b. Make citizenship material available.

V. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. National Meetings	Administer FFA affairs	a. Hold three meetings annually of National Board of Student Officers and National Board of Directors. b. Attend and assist with the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of FFA Foundation.
	Hold National Convention in Kansas City	a. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others. b. Continue to organize a Courtesy Corps and Usher Committee to assist in the national convention activities.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		c. Continue to use the National FFA Band at the national convention and participate in the activities of the American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show.
VI. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Budget	Carry out authorization of convention delegates and Boards	a. Prepare a budget. b. Expend funds as authorized.
2. Finance	Adequately finance FFA	a. Receive National FFA dues. b. Collect royalties from official calendar. c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items. d. Receive portion of funds earned by Future Farmers Supply Service and National Future Farmers Magazine. e. Receive rents from the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National Future Farmer Magazine.
VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS		
1. Good-Will Tour	Plan and conduct	a. Visit donors to FFA Foundation. b. Visit other companies, organizations and individuals who should know about FFA.
2. The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine and Official FFA Calendar	Distribute magazine and calendar to those who should be kept informed about the organization	a. National organization make subscriptions available to donors, influential individuals and organizations. b. Chapters and State associations to provide complimentary copies for appropriate offices and individuals. c. Use the Official FFA Calendar for public relations.
3. FFA Speakers	Prepare national officers and make them available for speaking	a. Schedule officers to speak before national and State groups, farm organizations and service clubs when requested.
4. Radio and TV	Participate in radio and TV programs	a. Schedule radio and TV programs in connection with National FFA Convention and other special activities. b. Schedule radio and TV programs at other appropriate times during the year, such as National FFA Week. c. Encourage networks to present State and local programs featuring the FFA. d. Prepare suggested scripts and other material for use by radio and TV. e. Attend meetings of National Association of Radio and Television Farm Directors.
5. Newspapers and Magazines	Provide information on FFA activities, outstanding members and Foundation Award winners	a. Make available information on FFA to writers for magazines and press. b. Prepare appropriate news releases and stories for use of magazines and the agricultural press.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		c. Provide "suggested stories" for use by State associations. d. Maintain FFA photographic file in national office. e. Attend national meetings of American Agricultural Editors' Association.
6. Informational materials	Keep and distribute informational materials	a. Maintain a supply of materials about the FFA. b. Provide such materials to give to people desiring information about FFA. c. Keep up to date a mailing list of people who should receive information about organization. d. Cooperate with the State Department making FFA information available upon request.
7. Educational Exchange with Foreign Countries	Develop understanding of FFA among foreign countries	a. Cooperate with the International Education Division of the USOE in working with foreign visitors. b. Provide informational material to these people. c. Invite visitors from foreign countries to attend the National FFA Convention. d. Help foreign visitors schedule visits to State associations.
	Sponsor Foreign Educational Exchange Program	a. Cooperate with the Department of State in educational programs with friendly countries. b. Make national officers and other personnel available to serve upon request.
8. Exhibits	Make available exhibit materials	a. Provide pictures, charts and other materials and information for the FFA exhibits. b. Arrange for exhibits to be used at national meetings, educational conferences, agricultural fairs and other occasions. c. Exhibits at national convention should conform to National FFA Week theme.
9. National FFA Week	Emphasize FFA nationally	a. Prepare aids for State associations and chapters, including suggestions for radio and TV scripts, news stories, mats, seals, speeches and chapter activities. b. Arrange for materials to be purchased through the Supply Service by State and local chapters. c. Have material for FFA week on display at national convention. d. Sell outdoor billboard posters through the Future Farmers Supply Service.
10. Promote Agriculture	Emphasize the importance and also the opportunities in agriculture	a. Develop and use publicity on a national level. b. Solicit the support of national magazines and newspapers. c. State associations work with their State colleges and/or universities of agriculture.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
11. Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the FFA	Suitable awards on the the national, State and local levels to be given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA	a. Confer the honorary degree upon those earning award. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony. c. Make appropriate plaques and other awards available for presentation. d. Confer appropriate plaque for service to the organization.
12. Honorary Degree	Award to persons whose contributions to the FFA have been outstanding	a. Confer the honorary degree upon individuals who have served FFA and have helped advance vocational agriculture. b. Use appropriate and impressive ceremony.

VIII. RECREATION

1. FFA Talent Program and Recreation	Provide good talent and entertainment at the national convention	a. Use adult assistants. b. Audition musical units and talent numbers for program. c. Provide for talent show on convention program. d. Provide for financial assistance for talent members.
	Provide recreation	a. Organize tours to points of interest. b. Use Kansas City Advisory Committee to assist with tours.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Dave Fitzsimons, Washington
 Charles Free, Maryland

Report of the Program of Work Committee—Local Guide

The Committee on Program of Work - Local Guide, submits the following report:

After studying the Guide for Local Chapters to use in developing a Program of Work, the Committee feels that the present Guide, as printed, in the 1965 Revised Edition of the Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for the recommendations in the following divisions:

1. That Division I, title "Supervised Farming," be changed to read "Supervised Agricultural Program."
2. That Activity I, of Division I, which reads "Improving Farming Programs", be changed to read "Improving Agricultural Programs".

3. That Goal I, of Activity I, Division I, "Chapter sponsor activity to increase size and scope of farming programs of members" be changed to read "Chapter sponsor activity to increase size and scope of supervised agricultural programs of members".
4. That Item a, Goal I, Activity I, of Division I, be changed to read "Schedule outstanding former students as guest speakers at chapter meetings to emphasize supervised agricultural programs".
5. That Item b, Goal I, Activity I, of Division I, be changed to read "Encourage students, parents and vocational agriculture instructor to work together planning and developing a long-time agricultural program for each member."
6. That we insert Goal 6, Activity I, of Division IV, which will read, "Have chapter elect a slate of junior officers", with the Ways and Means being (a), "Have election follow regular election from candidates who were not chosen as regular chapter officers", and Ways and Means (b), "that these junior officers be given random opportunities to serve in the capacity of that office."
7. That Item c, Goal I, Activity I, of Division IX be changed to read "Chapter purchase and/or maintain adequate camera."
8. That Item b, Goal 2, Activity I, of Division IX, Public Relations, be changed to read, "Use State officers on program."

As a general recommendation, we suggest that each chapter's program of work be continually adapted to the broadening scope of vocational agriculture.

It is the expressed feeling of the committee that each of these recommendations be carefully considered as we believe them pertinent additions and changes to our Program of Work - Local Guide.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Public Relations Committee

We, the Committee on Public Relations for 1965-66, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That the national officers continue the Good-Will Tour with the possibility of visiting more States in different areas of the nation. State associations and local chapters are also encouraged to conduct more of these tours.

2. That the cooperation and expansion of FFA educational exchange programs between the United States and Foreign countries be supported and encouraged.
3. That State associations encourage the exchange of officers with other States in regard to State conventions, and that national officers be included as one of the convention highlights.
4. That each Future Farmer be encouraged to develop his own individual public relations program by following and enforcing the "Code of Ethics."
5. That special public relations training be provided for officers at each level of the FFA.
6. That local chapters select outstanding representatives to speak before farm organizations, business, civic and youth groups, emphasizing a Farm-City Youth Week and Farm Safety Week, and also encourage continued working relations with other youth organizations.
7. That outstanding farmers, businessmen, and others who are helping to promote the FFA, be invited to and given recognition at the State convention and local meetings in order to promote a better working relationship between them and the FFA.
8. That all levels of the FFA provide FFA publications, including the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE, for distribution to the membership, Foundation donors, and other interested parties.
9. That delegates and award winners at National, State and local functions, express their appreciation to the sponsors and donors for their support to the FFA.
10. That State associations and local chapters make use of films pertaining to agriculture and the FFA by showing them at clubs, banquets and assemblies.
11. That the FFA continue to express appreciation for outstanding support by presentation of honorary degrees on the local, State and National levels to worthy individuals.
12. That all levels of the FFA make a special effort to observe National FFA Week by the increased use of newspaper coverage, display aids, advertisement folders, billboard signs, radio and television, and by speaking to farm, business, civic and youth groups. That each State recognize National FFA Week by having the Governor sign an official proclamation declaring the week as National FFA Week, and that local chapters make some public presentation to familiarize the local community with the FFA and its activities.
13. That more interviews, speeches and planned programs be presented on radio and TV stations to create more interest in the FFA.

14. That the local chapters and State associations be encouraged to use more exhibits and "FFA Children's Barnyards" at local and State fairs, and that these be improved.
15. That the State exhibits in the Little Theater be continued and expanded, and that those in attendance at the Convention be encouraged to view them.
16. That State reporters send lists of their States' public relations activities to the national office, and that a report of these activities be prepared for distribution and use by State associations.
17. That the following theme be considered for National FFA Week in 1967: TODAY'S FUTURE FARMER — TOMORROW'S LEADER.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Official FFA Manual Committee

After reviewing the 1965 official FFA manual and the report of the 1964 manual committee, we recommended the following changes for the 1966 edition:

1. Correct the error on page 7 to read that Rhode Island's charter date was in 1950 rather than 1949.
2. There should be a specific procedure for seating officers at a head table (parent-son banquet).
3. The word *adds* is gramatically wrong on page 77 at the bottom of the picture. It should be corrected to *add*.
4. We recommend consideration be given to making the Official FFA MANUAL notebook size (8½" x 11") with appropriate holes (5) for the notebook binder.
5. The FFA use *Roberts Rules of Order* as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
6. Pages 61-66 in the official FFA manual be reorganized and strengthened into a learning device rather than factual information.
7. All pictures regarding the wearing of the official jacket be reviewed and corrected. (Page 44)
8. All other necessary changes to be included as a result of convention business.

We compliment the National Executive Secretary for the improvements in the official manual over the past years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Future Farmers of America, extends appreciation and sincerely thanks those who participated in, and contributed to, the outstanding success of the 38th National Convention.

1. The members of the Board of Directors, the staff of the National FFA Organization and State Staffs for their conscientious influence, effort, and continuing assistance.
2. The 1964-65 national officers for their efforts in developing innovations for a more interesting convention program, and for their humble and dedicated service resulting in the inspiration of Future Farmers of America members.
3. L. W. Moore, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the FFA Foundation, Inc. for his consistent efforts on behalf of the Foundation.
4. All donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. for their interest in the FFA, and generous contributions.
5. The Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, and the residents of his fine city for their most hearty and warm welcome.
6. All firms, organizations and their representatives who are assisting the FFA by sponsoring valuable educational assistance.
7. The management and staff of Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium for their continued helpfulness toward the Future Farmers of America.
8. The Kansas City FFA Advisory Committee, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and other businessmen for their efforts in our behalf.
9. The management of all the housing facilities for assistance in accommodations.
10. All members who gave of their time to participate in the National FFA Band, National FFA Chorus; also the State Associations, and other concerns who made this participation possible.

11. A special word of thanks to R. Cedric Anderson, J. D. Maddox, Leo Vossler, I. S. Glover and James McCormick for their most outstanding work with the National FFA Band and FFA Chorus which performed so magnificently.
12. Nels Ackerson, Past National FFA President, for his meaningful invocation and for his remarks relative to the Future Farmers in Mexico.
13. The Courtesy Corps, Ushers, and Stage Crews for helping FFA members understand the functions of our convention and for their help in safeguarding the image of our organization through their work at the convention.
14. The judges and timekeepers for their help with the National FFA Public Speaking Contest.
15. Harold Coons, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Venard and the Keystone Steele and Wire Company for producing the movie "The Star Farmers of 1965" in addition to their support and continuing interest in the FFA.
16. To New Idea Corporation for the great movie "The Challenge - Leadership, the Answer - the Future Farmers of America".
17. The many FFA talent team members and individuals who provided their talent for our enjoyment and entertainment under the direction of Don Erickson and Robert Hayward.
18. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for again generously loaning us an organ for the National FFA Convention and to Richard Clapp of the Illinois Association, who gave of his time to play the organ.
19. All State Associations who prepared exhibits for the Little Theater emphasizing the theme "Farming is More than Agriculture".
20. All firms that extended courtesies to the FFA on tours and at attendance at other special functions of the convention.
21. All officials and participants in the various contests and awards programs, and other special events.
22. The American Royal Association for sponsoring many wonderful programs for the support and enjoyment of the Future Farmers of America while in Kansas City.
23. All organizations of the press, TV and radio that so kindly publicized the events occurring at this convention.
24. All honored guests and distinguished visitors from foreign countries, and exchange students for their appearance at this convention.
25. The North Platte Chapter, Dearborn, Missouri and Wellington Chapter, Wellington, Missouri for their work in helping with the Auditorium decorations.
26. The Colorado Association for their leadership training demonstration.

27. The present and Past National Officers, the National FFA Chorus and special talent for their contribution to our inspiring Vespers Program, which set an example of sincerity of purpose for an outstanding convention.
28. The dedicated personnel who maintain the high standards of quality in the Supply Service and National FFA Magazine, and Official FFA Calendar, and to other adults who are affiliated with the FFA organization.
29. All members and the various associations for their contribution to the program.
30. All the State delegates, committee members and advisors for their fine committee and also work carrying on the business of the national convention.
31. The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice-President of the United States, for his interest and time involved in addressing our convention by long distance telephone.
32. Our guest speakers, Senator Frank Carlson, Senator Fred R. Harris, Sam Stenzel, J. K. Stern, Wayne O. Reed, Orion Samuelson.
33. To the Armed Services for posting our National Colors Ceremony.
34. Raymond Firestone of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for again providing outstanding entertainment for our enjoyment at the conclusion of the convention.
35. To A. W. Tenney for his years of service to the Future Farmers of America.
36. The National Presidents of other Vocational Education youth organizations who participated in our convention and made it much more successful.

Respectfully submitted,

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National FFA Foundation Awards and Contests

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National Convention. A check for \$1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks for \$500 were awarded to the other three Star Farmers.

Floyd Dubben, Jr., Star Farmer of America, owns 50 percent partnership with his father in 695 acres of land, and they rent an additional 235 acres. Their partnership enterprises this year include 86 producing cows, 48 heifers and calves, 60 acres of corn, 40 acres of oats, and 262 acres of hay. Floyd has assets of more than \$80,000, but has notes and mortgages of \$30,000 for a net worth slightly in excess of \$50,000. Most of that was acquired through his own work and investments.



Star Farmer of America
Floyd Dubben Jr.
Middlefield, New York

Floyd is married and has two children. He has half interest in 86 head of producing milk cows to support them. Putting his training in agricultural science and management to work, Floyd has helped to build a profitable farm business during a period when many farmers were giving up and moving to city jobs.

Beginning early with heifer calves given to him by his father for work on the home farm, by the time Floyd entered high school he was able to show a supervised farming program of six milk cows

JUDGES, STAR FARMER OF AMERICA AWARD

Kansas City, Missouri

October 13, 1965

Left to right, Standing: Mark V. Keeler, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company; Sam Stenzel, President, The National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Inc.; Russell DeYoung, Chairman of the Board, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company; Homer Young, President and Chief Executive Officer, Consumers Cooperative Association; Walter M. Arnold, Assistant Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education; E. W. Ukkelberg, Vice President, Deere & Company; Roderick Turnbull, Farm Editor, THE KANSAS CITY STAR; Blair Williams, Vice President and General Manager, New Idea Farm Equipment Company, Division of AVCO Corporation.

Left to right, Seated: Senator Harry Darby, Chairman of the Board, The Darby Corporation; Byron J. Nichols, Vice President - Chrysler Corporation, General Manager - Dodge Division; A. W. Tenney, Director, Organizational Relations, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, Office of Education; L. W. Moore, President, American Oil Company; Honorable Roy Freeland, Secretary, Kansas State Board of Agriculture; J. J. Jarnagin, Jr., Jetmore, Kansas, (Former Star Farmer of America).

and three calves, plus five percent interest in 45 acres of crops and 98 acres of hay. He's been expanding ever since, plowing his earnings back into the farm and borrowing money when faster growth was needed.

While Floyd was still in high school, he instituted a program of production testing the milk cows. The results were discouraging, showing a herd average of only about 7,500 pounds of milk per year. Father and son started looking for better cattle they could buy to replace the low producers. Within three years they were able to get the herd average up to 13,500 pounds, and they expect to increase it more.

By increasing the amount of fertilizer used, in accordance with soil tests, they doubled the yield of silage corn to 20 tons per acre. Hay yield also has been doubled.

In leadership, Floyd served as vice president and president of the local FFA chapter, treasurer and president of the county FFA, and vice president of the State FFA Association. He played on the school's baseball, basketball and football teams, was a class officer two years, president of the Student Council one year, and an honor student. At present he is a member of the agricultural advisory board at the school.

The three Regional Star Farmers are:

Emmett S. Jobe, Jr., Queen Creek, Arizona
Marvin Hobbs, Walnut Grove, Illinois
R. Keith James, Pond Creek, Oklahoma

National Chapter Awards Program

One hundred and thirty-seven local chapters of the Future Farmers of America were honored at the 38th annual national FFA convention in Kansas City when awards were presented in the organization's National Chapter Awards Program.

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Awards Program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystalizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in State and National activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 60 local chapters in a special presentation Wednesday night.

Thursday morning, "Silver Emblem" awards were presented to 52 chapters, and "Bronze Emblem" to 25. The chapters were awarded for their outstanding activity records during the 1964-65 school year. Each chapter received a special plaque or, in the case of those who have received a plaque in former years, a spur for attachment to the plaque.

The Future Farmers of America has approximately 10,500 local high school chapters, with associations in 49 States, and Puerto Rico. Each State FFA Association was permitted to enter two or more chapters, depending upon State FFA membership, in the national contest. Judging was done by selected State and National Staff members, representing each of the four FFA regions.

The winning chapters, listed by States, follow:

ALABAMA.....	Gurley Chapter, Gurley, silver emblem; Section Chapter, Section, silver emblem; Sylvania Chapter, Sylvania, silver emblem; Ider Chapter, Ider, bronze emblem.
ARIZONA.....	Tempe Chapter, Tempe, gold emblem; Coolidge Chapter, Coolidge, silver emblem.
ARKANSAS.....	Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, gold emblem; Booneville Chapter, Booneville, silver emblem; Leachville Chapter, Leachville, silver emblem; County Line Chapter, Ratcliff, bronze emblem.
CALIFORNIA.....	Modesto Chapter, Modesto, silver emblem; Porterville Chapter, Porterville, silver emblem; Thomas Downey Chapter, Modesto, bronze emblem; Escalon Chapter, Escalon, bronze emblem.
COLORADO.....	Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem; Lamar Chapter, Lamar, gold emblem.
CONNECTICUT.....	Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, silver emblem.
FLORIDA.....	Bartow Chapter, Bartow, gold emblem; Fort Pierce Chapter, Fort Pierce, gold emblem; Santa Fe Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem.
GEORGIA.....	Bainbridge Chapter, Bainbridge, gold emblem; Winder Barrow Chapter, Winder, gold emblem; Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, silver emblem; Seminole County Chapter, Donalsonville, silver emblem; Washington-Wilkes Chapter, Washington, silver emblem; Worth County Chapter, Sylvester, silver emblem.
HAWAII.....	Kapaa Chapter, Kapaa, Kauai, silver emblem; Hans Peter Faye Chapter, Waimea, Kauai, bronze emblem.
IDAHO.....	Fruitland Chapter, Fruitland, silver emblem; Twin Falls Chapter, Twin Falls, silver emblem.
ILLINOIS.....	Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, gold emblem; Williamsfield Chapter, Williamsfield, gold emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, silver emblem; Maroa Chapter, Maroa, bronze emblem.
INDIANA.....	Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem; Hancock Central Chapter, Maxwell, silver emblem; Coal Creek Central Chapter, New Richmond, bronze emblem.
IOWA.....	Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Waverly-Shell Rock Chapter, Waverly, gold emblem; Mount Ayr Chapter, Mount Ayr, silver emblem.
KANSAS.....	Garden City Chapter, Garden City, gold emblem; Arkansas City Chapter, Arkansas City, silver emblem.

KENTUCKY.....	Menifee County Chapter, Frenchburg, gold emblem; Metcalfe Chapter, Edmonton, gold emblem; Cuba Chapter, Mayfield, silver emblem; Memorial Chapter, Waynesburg, silver emblem.
LOUISIANA.....	Cloutierville Chapter, Cloutierville, silver emblem; Slidell Chapter, Slidell, silver emblem; Sulphur Chapter, Sulphur, bronze emblem.
MAINE.....	Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, gold emblem; Limestone Chapter, Limestone, silver emblem.
MARYLAND.....	Damascus Chapter, Damascus, gold emblem; Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, silver emblem.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Wachusett Chapter, Holden, gold emblem; Silver Lake Chapter, Kingston, bronze emblem.
MICHIGAN.....	Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, silver emblem; Fremont Chapter, Fremont, silver emblem; Corunna Chapter, Corunna, bronze emblem.
MINNESOTA.....	Canby Chapter, Canby, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, gold emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, gold emblem.
MISSISSIPPI.....	Inverness Chapter, Inverness, silver emblem; Morton Chapter, Morton, silver emblem; Forest Chapter, Forest, bronze emblem.
MISSOURI.....	Cassville Chapter, Cassville, gold emblem; Salem Chapter, Salem, silver emblem; West Plains Chapter, West Plains, silver emblem.
MONTANA.....	Fergus of Lewistown Chapter, Lewistown, gold emblem; Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, silver emblem.
NEBRASKA.....	Ansley Chapter, Ansley, gold emblem; Pierce Chapter, Pierce, silver emblem.
NEVADA.....	Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem; Moapa Valley Chapter, Overton, bronze emblem.
NEW JERSEY.....	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; Newton Chapter, Newton, gold emblem.
NEW MEXICO.....	Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Hatch Chapter, Hatch, gold emblem.
NEW YORK.....	Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, gold emblem; Barker Chapter, Barker, silver emblem.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Central Chapter, Fayetteville, silver emblem; Angier Chapter, Angier, bronze emblem; Beaver Creek Chapter, West Jefferson, bronze emblem; Chicod Chapter, Greenville, bronze emblem; Franklin Chapter, Franklin, bronze emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem.
NORTH DAKOTA.....	A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Rugby Chapter, Rugby, silver emblem.
OHIO.....	Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, gold emblem; Paulding Chapter, Paulding, gold emblem; Spencerville Chapter, Spencerville, gold emblem.
OKLAHOMA.....	Oney Chapter, Albert, gold emblem; Broken Arrow Chapter, Broken Arrow, silver emblem; Morris Chapter, Morris, silver emblem; Owasso Chapter, Owasso, silver emblem.
OREGON.....	Canby Chapter, Canby, gold emblem; Hillsboro Chapter, Hillsboro, silver emblem.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Kutztown Chapter, Kutztown, gold emblem; West Snyder Chapter, Beaver Springs, silver emblem; Eastern Lebanon County Chapter, Myerstown, bronze emblem.
RHODE ISLAND.....	Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, silver emblem; Coventry Chapter, Coventry, bronze emblem.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, silver emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, bronze emblem; Dorman Chapter, Spartanburg, bronze emblem.
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	Clark Chapter, Clark, bronze emblem; Wilmot Chapter, Wilmot, bronze emblem.

TENNESSEE.....	Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, gold emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Dickson Chapter, Dickson, gold emblem; Meigs County Chapter, Decatur, silver emblem.
TEXAS.....	Grandview Chapter, Grandview, gold emblem; Livingston Chapter, Livingston, gold emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, gold emblem; Whitesboro Chapter, Whitesboro, gold emblem; Avoca Chapter, Avoca, silver emblem; Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Mt. Pleasant, silver emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, silver emblem; Zavalla Chapter, Zavalla, silver emblem.
UTAH.....	Box Elder Chapter, Brigham City, gold emblem; Wasatch Chapter, Heber City, gold emblem.
VERMONT.....	North Troy-Newport Center Chapter, North Troy, silver emblem; Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, bronze emblem.
VIRGINIA.....	Patrick Henry Chapter, Ashland, gold emblem; Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; Montevideo Chapter, Penn Laird, gold emblem.
WASHINGTON.....	Pomeroy Chapter, Pomeroy, gold emblem; Reardan Chapter, Reardan, gold emblem.
WEST VIRGINIA.....	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem; Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, silver emblem.
WISCONSIN.....	Granton Chapter, Granton, gold emblem; Wittenberg Chapter, Wittenberg, gold emblem; Westby Chapter, Westby, silver emblem; Rice Lake Chapter, Rice Lake, bronze emblem.
WYOMING.....	Saddle and Sirloin Chapter, Newcastle, gold emblem; Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem.

National FFA Public Speaking Contest

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest is held in Kansas City. It is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then State contests, and four Regional contests.

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The winner of the national contest received \$250. Other awards are \$225 for second, \$200 for third, and \$175 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The FFA Foundation provided \$2,950 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests.

Each contestant spoke from 8 to 10 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring is done on the basis of the speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

JUDGES:

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WINNERS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- Fourth Place —Bill Plagman, Aurelia, Iowa—"Agriculture—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" (Left)
- Third Place —David L. Bechtel, Oley, Pennsylvania—"Agriculture's Most Explosive Problem" (3rd from Right)
- Second Place —Wayne Parks, Tomales, California—"California's Woes As The Bracero Goes" (2nd from Right)
- First Place —Sam Mizer, Fort Defiance, Virginia—"An Elixir For Our Nation's Agriculture" (Right)

An Elixir for Our Nation's Agriculture

By
Sam Mizer

In our modern society, when someone is suffering from an illness he seeks the professional help of a physician. The physician examines the patient and by a deductive process relates the patient's symptoms to a particular disease. The physician then pre-

scribes a medication to ease or remedy the disease and thus cure the patient. But what happens when the ailing victim is our country's gigantic agricultural enterprise?

First of all, we must examine the subject. Upon examination we find that there has been so much public wailing about the petty problems of agriculture in recent years that a major problem has been created, resulting in a general lack of interest concerning the agri-business industry.

Before we can prescribe an elixir, which is to say a cure, for this problem, which has been one of the persistent and least understood problems of the American people, we must have a better understanding of its causes.

A primary cause of the problem of lack of interest is the fact that the public in general still has a fifty-year-old concept of agriculture. They fail to see that American agriculture has advanced more in the past fifty years than in all prior years of our history, and is no longer confined to the fence lines of the farm.

Today agriculture is the nation's largest single industry and is vital to our continued economic and social stability. The production, processing, and distribution of agricultural products employs approximately one-third of America's labor force.

Agri-business is a field of unlimited opportunity for those young men and women who seek a rewarding career, and have the ability and desire to work. Hundreds of new jobs have been brought about as the result of scientific and technical advances. The agri-business industry is actively seeking college trained persons to fill these jobs, but because of the antiquated conception of agriculture on the part of the general public, less than one-half the number of needed college graduates enter the agri-business industry.

A second cause of today's lack of interest is basically political. A politician is defined as a person who gets things done for the good of the people and the nation. Indeed our politicians in Washington have studied the problem of farm income stabilization, discussed the situation, formulated opinions, introduced and passed legislation which they felt would help insure the stability of farm income.

Unfortunately, these programs have failed to solve the problem. But what is even more depressing is the fact that many American farmers lack the initiative to take constructive action to solve their own problems and are content to sit back and let the government do their bargaining for them. Thus our agricultural abundance, which should be our greatest blessing, has become our greatest problem.

This situation has caused the public to "sour" on the agricultural industry, which in turn has discouraged many qualified and interested young people from pursuing careers in agri-business.

Perhaps the greatest reason for the shortage of qualified young people in the agri-business industry has been the failure of agriculture to present itself as an attractive and rewarding vocation.

In a survey of "Why certain college bound rural high school boys in Virginia did not enroll in an agricultural curriculum", conducted by Dr. B. C. Bass and Professor C. E. Richard, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, it was found that nearly half of the rural high school seniors interviewed, reported that they were not acquainted with the opportunities for employment in the industry of agriculture. It was also noted that about forty-four percent of the boys had been advised that there were more and better opportunities in occupations other than in agri-business.

The shortage of qualified people entering the agricultural industry is more dangerous than we might realize. A United Nation's study concerning the world's population explosion pointed out, "Man's ultimate fate could well hang on the outcome of the race between production and reproduction."

While population is not a problem at present in our land of abundance, three-fourths of the world's population goes to bed hungry. It should also be remembered that the population of our country and of the world is growing rapidly. Indeed if we are to see to it that future generations enjoy our abundance and that we give assistance to the starving peoples of the world, we must continue to develop and improve our agricultural problem. The only way that this can be done is through the efforts of a new generation of highly skilled and well-trained agricultural workers.

Now that the problem has been realized and its causes discovered, a remedy must be prescribed.

It is my belief that those engaged in the dynamic field of modern agriculture face the obligation and possess the ability to remedy this serious problem of lack of interest.

The first and most obvious way of meeting this problem is through a well-planned and intensified program of public relations. We should endeavor to promote the true image of agriculture with its vast vocational opportunities, to the general public. Opportunities not only in farming and farm management, but in business, industry, education, research, specialized services, communications, conservation, and recreation.

The non-farming segments of agriculture are advancing spectacularly. Agricultural occupations are becoming highly specialized and diversified, offering the qualified youth enormous job opportunities in practically any field in which he is interested.

We should also try to counteract the popular idea that agricultural occupations are inferior to non-agricultural occupations by publicizing the scientific and technical aspects of modern agriculture.

Secondly, we should prepare ourselves to provide the necessary leadership to resolve the problems of agriculture rather than continuing the senseless complaining which intensifies instead of solves our problem.

In the United States, we have the God given ability to produce an abundance of food. As a third step, we should realize that if we fail to do all that is within our power to feed the starving peoples of the earth, we are committing a great sin against the Christian principles on which our country was founded and by which it has grown into the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

Herein we see the challenge which awaits us. The entire fate of mankind depends on what we will do with it.

Let us answer this challenge and proceed to remedy the grave problem of lack of interest in agri-business and all its related headaches. If we apply ourselves to the task and work diligently, indeed we can not only act as an elixir for our nation's agriculture, but as a stimulant for our country and the entire world to reach new heights of prosperity and brotherhood.

Farm Safety

1st Place—

Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, Florida.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Belle Plaine Chapter, Belle Plaine, Iowa	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Otis Chapter, Otis, Colorado.....	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Sebasticook Stream Chap- ter, Newport, Maine.....	\$200.00

Farm Proficiency Awards

Soil and Water Management

1st Place—

Charles Davis, Alachua, Florida.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—David Vaughan, Lafayette, New Jersey.....	\$200.00
Central Region—Arnold Bogus, St. Paul, Nebraska..	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Thomas Twilligear, Quincy Wash- ington	\$200.00

Farm Electrification

1st Place—

Duane Meranda, Georgetown, Ohio.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Lewis Devoe, Limestone, Maine	\$200.00
Southern Region—James Eager, Valdosta, Georgia..	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Dennis Richardson, Chelhalis, Washington	\$200.00

NATIONAL FARM PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS



Left to Right - Top Row: Charles Davis, Alachua, Florida, Soil and Water Management; Ted Zieber, Thompson, Ohio, Poultry; Roger Pfeifer, Prairie, Minnesota, Livestock; Bernard Meyer, Union Town, Missouri, Forestry; Michael Reynolds, Fitzpatrick, Alabama, Farm Mechanics. Center: Duane Meranda, Georgetown, Ohio, Electrification. Front: Joe Spencer, Oney, Oklahoma, Crop Farming; Craig Lewis, Chairman of Chapter Farm Safety, Alachua, Florida.

Farm Mechanics

1st Place—

Michael Reynolds, Fitzpatrick, Alabama.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—LeRoy Troester, Mifflin- burg, Pennsylvania.....	\$200.00
Central Region—J. Allan Guttery, Osborne, Kansas..	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Roger Perkins, Cody, Wyoming.....	\$200.00

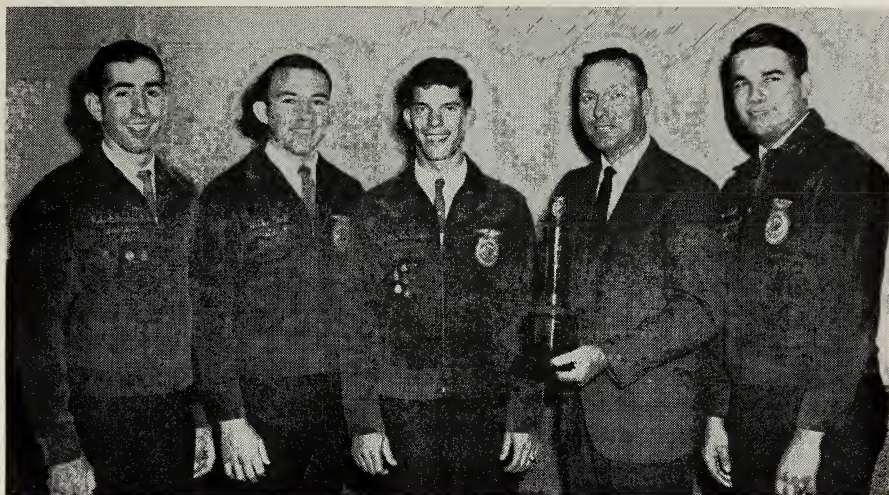
Crop Farming

1st Place—

Joe Spencer, Oney, Oklahoma.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Gaylen Stuke, Spencer, Iowa.....	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Walter Rinehart, Jane Lew, West Virginia.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Dennis Higashiyama, Quincy, Wash- ington	\$200.00

Livestock Farming**1st Place—**

Roger Pfeifer, Prairie, Minnesota.....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Ronnie Pitts, Newcastle, Wyoming..	\$200.00
North Atlantic Region—Ronald Guerrette, Caribou, Maine	\$200.00
Southern Region—Stanley Herren, Utica, Missis- sippi	\$200.00

**NATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CHAMPIONS FROM BURLINGTON,
OKLAHOMA**

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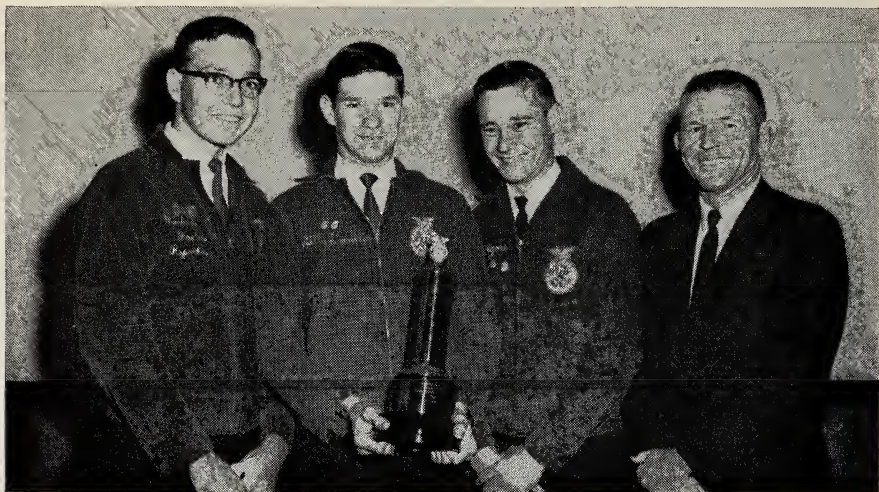
Farm Forestry**1st Place—**

Bernard Meyer, Union Town Missouri.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—John Scott, Princeton, West Virginia	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Cal Ek, Battle Ground, Washington	\$200.00
Southern Region—Henery Wood, Jr., Gold Hill, Virginia	\$200.00

Poultry Farming**1st Place—**

Ted Zieber, Thompson, Ohio.....	\$250.00
North Atlantic Region—Richard Fauver, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.....	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Dean Abbott, Hilmar, California....	\$200.00
Southern Region—Randolph Junkin, Reform, Ala- bama	\$200.00

NATIONAL POULTRY AND EGG JUDGING CHAMPIONS, MANSFIELD, TEXAS



Left to Right: Mike Foster, Billy Shanklin, Karl Killgore, and FFA Advisor Harley K. Reed.

Dairy Farming

1st Place—

David J. Mosher, Greenwich, New York.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Thomas Bradbury, Uniontown, Kansas	\$200.00
Pacific Region—Frank Louis Albert, Jr., Stanwood, Washington	\$200.00
Southern Region—Julius Beaty, McDonald Ten- nessee	\$200.00

NATIONAL MEATS JUDGING CHAMPIONS FROM BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA



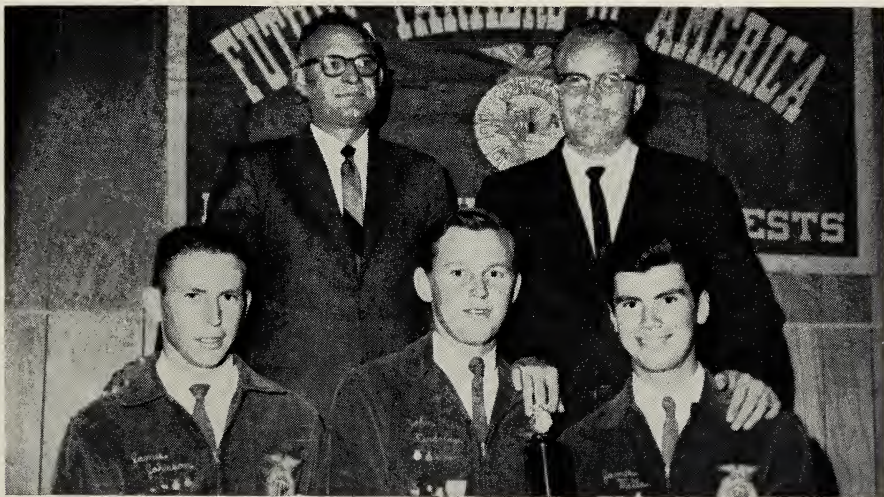
Left to Right: Wayne Williamson, Dean Wood, Chris Olsen, alternate Perry Tilleraas and Advisor Truman Tilleraas.

NATIONAL DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CHAMPIONS FROM CHENOA,
ILLINOIS



Left to Right: Randy Francis, Warren Johnson, Ronald Ackerman and Chapter Advisor, Arthur Johnson.

NATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING CHAMPIONS FROM HAN-
FORD, CALIFORNIA



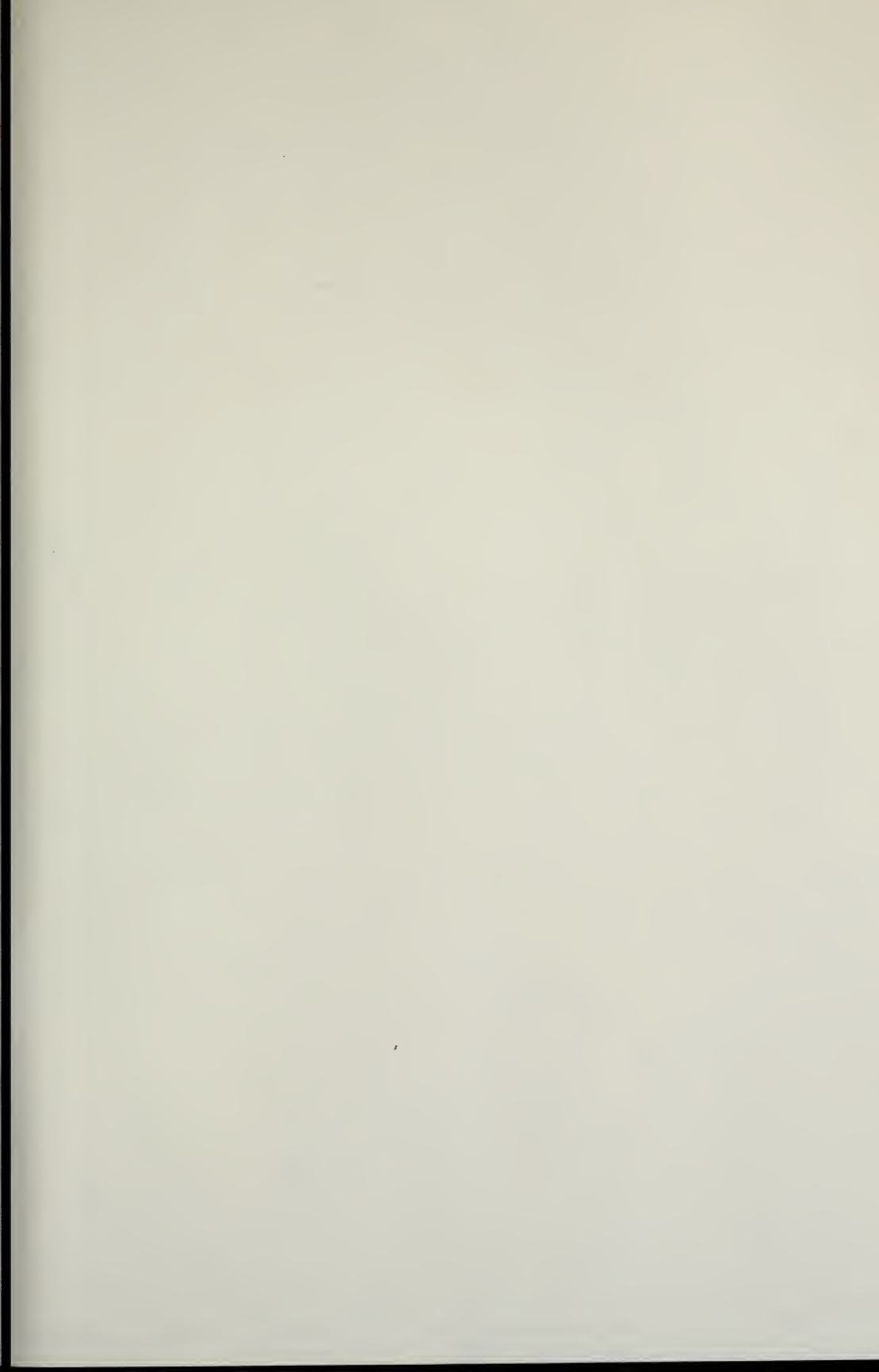
Left to Right: James Hohnson, John Ferdolage, and James Mello. Also pictured are Raymond Stites, Team coach and Stratton Tarvin, District Superintendent.

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The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

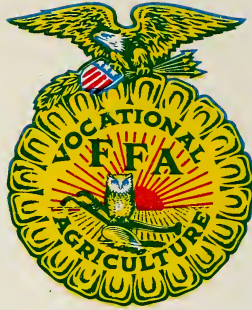
I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuit, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

Written by E. M. Tiffany, the official Creed was adopted at third National FFA Convention and revised at 38th National Convention.



The FFA Motto

Learning to Do,

Doing to Learn;

Earning to Live,

Living to Serve.